

County Councillor for Necton and Launditch

Report for May 2020

Response to Coronavirus: Throughout the crisis the County Council has been working closely and effectively with District, Borough and the City Council, the NHS, Police and other public sector partners. Examples of the ways that the Council has supported people during the pandemic are:

- Procuring PPE to supply all the Councils frontline staff and care homes.
- Identifying and visiting the most vulnerable children and adults.
- Supporting schools that have remained open for vulnerable children and the children of key workers.
- Supporting the implementation of the new free school meals scheme.
- Setting up accommodation to enable the NHS to discharge patients safely.
- Offering digital support from libraries, museums and the adult learning service to support home schooling and enable people to stay safe.
- Creating a skills bank so staff can be redeployed to assist with the distribution of food and PPE.

Looking to the future the Council is working with the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership and all partners to devise the best strategy to recover from the economic shock brought about by the crisis.

The Council has been allocated an additional £43.6m government funding so far but has predicted a £19m shortfall in this year's budget due to lost savings, additional costs and loss of income.

An insight in to the work being carried out by NCC is listed in Appendix A of the Cabinet Agenda for the meeting held on the 11th May.

Boundary Commission Revue: The Boundary Commission have decided that they cannot finish the statutory consultations on their revue of Norfolk County Council division boundaries in time for any recommendations to be implemented prior to the May 2021 County Council elections. Therefore, the May 2021 election will be contested on the existing division boundaries.

Highways: The reduction in traffic volumes by 80% has presented an ideal opportunity to carry out resurfacing and surface dressing work with minimum disruption. Social distancing rules are having some effect on the logistics of carrying out any operation, but work continues on urgent highway work including potholes and defects should still be reported in the usual way