

Norfolk County Council June Report

Annual General Meeting and responsibilities

Andrew Proctor has not been well and did not stand again for Leader of the Council. Kay Mason Billig is now Leader of the Council and Andrew Jamieson is the Deputy. There were also changes to the Cabinet which are listed below together with their portfolio.

Kay Mason Billig	Strategy and Governance
Andrew Jamieson	Finance
Alison Thomas	Adult Social Care
Bill Borrett	Public Health and Wellbeing
Penny Carpenter	Children's Services
Margaret Dewsbury	Communities and Fire
Jane James	Corporate Services and Innovation
Fabian Eagle	Economic Growth
Eric Vardy	Environment and Waste
Graham Plant	Highways, Infrastructure and Transport

The Council will also be bringing back the role of Chief Executive so that there is a single point of whole authority accountability with a clear management line to Executive Directors.

The Council's responsibilities include: 13 Special Educational Needs Schools and support for 1,150 children in care, support for 19,000 adults via Social Care, 42 Fire Stations, 47 Libraries, 10 Museums, 20 Recycling and Waste Centres with 15 Re-use Shops and 6,200 miles of roads.

Children's Services have been inspected by Ofsted and considered 'Good'.

County Equipment Contract

Working with Suffolk County Council and Norfolk and Waveney Integrated Care Board Norfolk County Council has contracted with Medequip UK to provide Integrated Community Services across Norfolk and parts of Suffolk. The Service will help people get out of hospital or remain in their own homes by providing equipment such as beds and hoists which when no longer required will be collected and refurbished so they can be used again.

Trading Standards

The Police and Trading Standards are aware that there has been an increase in illegal vaping products and in sales of these to under aged children. They would welcome any information to help them investigate and prevent these activities.

Information should be reported via Citizen's Advice Consumer Helpline 0808 223 1133.

Highways – Walking, Cycling and Travel

Norfolk County Council has received nearly £3 million from Active Travel England to develop schemes to improve the cycling and walking infrastructure across the county. This will fund some extra cycling lanes and pedestrian crossings on several A roads.

Phase 2 of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has been launched to improve active travel around 20 Norfolk towns, including Wymondham, Hethersett, Attleborough and Watton. The aim is to give people alternatives to travelling by car.

An 8 week survey was launched on May 18th asking for residents feedback on the Plan. See www.norfolk.gov.uk/activetravel

£2 bus Fares

To help with the cost of living, etc. the government has extended funding for the £2 bus fare cap until 31st October. It will then increase by 50p and remain at £2.50 until November 2024.

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