

## **NCC Report**

### **County Deal**

At the Council Meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> it was agreed that it would be better to postpone the election of a Directly Elected Leader until 2025 so that the Leader is elected at the same time as the other councillors and not a year earlier in 2024 as previously suggested by government. All other aspects of the County Deal will remain the same.

### **New Year Honours**

The King's New Year Honours list recognised the work of four NCC officers. James Bullion was made CBE for services as a Director of Adult Social Care, Sara Tough, Director of Children's Services, was made an OBE and Steve Miller, Director of Culture and Heritage and Al Collier, Director of Procurement and Sustainability, were both made an MBE.

### **Ready to Change**

NCC is promoting its 'Ready to Change' health behaviour project to support local residents who would like to change their lifestyle and give up smoking, drink less or reduce their weight. Support on how to achieve these aims is offered on the website [www.readytochange.co.uk](http://www.readytochange.co.uk) Posters to promote this are available from [marketing@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:marketing@norfolk.gov.uk)

### **Sustainable, Zero Emissions buses**

NCC were awarded funding from Department for Transport ZEBRA 1 programme to purchase 70 electronic buses which should be in service in Norwich by March. This will help reduce emissions in the built up areas.

### **DIY waste**

From January 1<sup>st</sup> there will no longer be a charge for the disposal of DIY waste from small scale projects at our recycling centres. Each household will be allowed four visits with DIY waste every four weeks. People will be able to dispose of a maximum of 100 litres or one single item, free of charge, anything larger than this will be charged at the normal rates under the 'Pay as you Throw' service.

Happy New Year,

Margaret Dewsbury