



## FULL COUNCIL

Wednesday, 25 May 2022

<b>Subject</b>	Cabinet Members' Report and Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council
<b>Report by</b>	Councillor Steve Gallant Leader of the Council

Is the report Open or Exempt?	OPEN
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Category of Exempt Information and reason why it is <b>NOT</b> in the public interest to disclose the exempt information.	Not applicable.
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To receive the Cabinet Members' Report and the Outside Bodies Representatives' Report to Council, for information.	
<b>Options:</b> Not applicable.	



## Cabinet Members' Reports to Council

<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor David Ritchie – Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning and Coastal Management
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### **Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

The Sustainable Construction SPD was adopted by the Council at Cabinet in April 2022. The Sustainable Construction SPD contains comprehensive planning guidance on sustainable construction issues within a single document. It has been prepared to support the implementation of policies relating to sustainable construction in the adopted Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Local Plans. The SPD provides guidance on a range of environmental topics including water efficiency and management, energy efficiency, carbon reduction, different construction methods, the reuse and responsible resourcing of materials, reducing waste, the design and orientation of buildings and the integration of nature into developments. The SPD also provides a useful sustainable development checklist and standard condition wording for planning decision notices.

The [Sustainable Construction SPD](#) complements the [Environment Guidance Note](#) and supports the Council's vision of building the right environment for East Suffolk. The Environmental Guidance Note was adopted by the Council in November 2020. It is short document that offers clear, concise information on a range of key environmental issues. The guidance helps those seeking to mitigate the impact of construction on climate change, but its guidance is broader than the Local Plan policies and does not have the statutory weight of an SPD.

The SPD does not add new policies but rather seeks to provide guidance that will help with the implementation of relevant policies in the Suffolk Coastal and Waveney Local Plans. The SPD is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications. The SPD has been published on the Council's website and publicised on the Council's social media, via direct notifications to those on the planning policy mailing list and through a press release.



## Outside Bodies Representatives' Reports

Local Government Association: Special Interest Group Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum (NuLeAF)	
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Please see the attachment at Appendix A.

Suffolk Waste Partnership Members' Group, the Access and Amenity Fund and the Galloper Wind Farm Funding Panel	
<b>Representative:</b>	Councillor James Mallinder, Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment
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### Suffolk Waste Partnership Members' Group

As Chair of the Suffolk Waste Partnership, I attended the April meeting which was packed with information which you can imagine covered all things waste.

Our thoughts and options are slowly forming in regard to new collection methods and objectives, but we are in limbo until the UK government pass secondary legislation and we have a full understanding about what we will need to collect and how. Our big fear is there will be big statutory demands but no funding - we will see.

I am disappointed to report that although the UK government are looking at deposit return schemes, it appears to be only based on plastic bottles, not glass - this is very disappointing.

Options continue to be discussed on collection but there is a consensus that sorting at the depots is preferable to household sorting, to limit contamination and to also limit additional bins required per household. More plastic bins cluttering up our busy streets does nothing for civic pride and we need to question the environmental impact of more plastic.

The Partnership is very environmentally focused and we have reservations about collecting all these waste streams but we will have little control over the final destination. I personally feel there is no point outsourcing our carbon footprint and waste to other countries, we need to think about impacts through the chain.



All services are working as expected, although there is still a discussion over hours of opening for the recycling centres and whether there should be booking or no booking in order to attend.

I will endeavour to keep the council updated on all new developments

### **AONB Grant Giving Boards**

I sit on the AONB grant giving boards - Galloper Wind Farm Fund Panel and Amenity and Accessibility Fund (AAF). I focus on inclusiveness and make sure any grants offered will make the biggest impact.

I also sit on our Greenprint Nature First Grants Panel, which focusses very much on supporting our communities and delivering our message of when we work together we will make a big difference.

<b>Fauconberge Educational Trust</b>	
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The Trust meets four times a year constitutionally, but has extra meetings if required. I have attended all meetings and during COVID these have been electronic.

Personally I have asked the Group to update its constitution from helping young people up to the age of 16 to uplift this to 18, in line with the Government requirement of education, etc until 18 so those going into further education can also be helped.

We have financed school uniform, which continues to be very expensive, but we signpost people in the first instance to the very good Uniform Bank at St Lukes Church and there is a uniform bank at Beccles Community Hub. We have also helped with laptops.

At our next meeting we are intending to scrutinise ourselves and see how we are performing and if we spend our money well.



## Appendices

Appendices:	
<b>Appendix A</b>	Nuleaf update from Councillor Rivett

Background reference papers:	
None.	