



Report of Suffolk Association of Local Councils Representative.

1. Since my report to the September meeting of Full Council, I have attended meetings of the SALC Suffolk Coastal Area Committee on 16th September, the SALC Planning Working Group on 15th October and the Annual General Meeting on 12th November. The Local Associations Information Service (LAIS), produced by SALC for county associations throughout England, has continued to provide briefing notes on actual and impending legislative and regulatory changes which affect town & parish councils.
2. Area Committee.
Minutes of the meeting on 16th September have yet to be published, but the agenda, CEOs report and other papers were distributed by the Clerk on 10th September. The keynote speakers were Fiona Corbett of Flagship Housing on their approach to social & affordable housing and Steve Shaw of Local Works on the Sustainable Communities Act. Cllr. Ron Bailey was re-elected area Chairman, whilst I was elected Vice-Chairman. The next meeting is on Monday 9th December at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St. Andrew starting at 19:00, when there will be a presentation on the SCC Budget, Ron Bailey & Professor John Midwinter speaking on Nuclear Power & Renewable Energy and a speaker from the East Suffolk Partnership. Any councillor wishing to accompany me would be welcome.
3. Planning Working Group.
The working group considered a range of issues, including neighbourhood planning, the Community Infrastructure Levy, measures to deal with traffic levels on the A14, renewable energy and the provision of detailed advice to a small parish in western Suffolk. In conjunction with Suffolk County Council, a Transport Seminar is to be held early next year. In preparation, the association Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and myself will be attending a meeting with SCC's Portfolio Holder for Transport and senior officers on 5th December.
4. Annual General Meeting.
This is being held at Henley Community Centre. I will give a brief oral report of highlights.
5. Local Associations Information Service.
Those published since the September meeting have been:-
 - 1358 on the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, and
 - 1359 on the Sustainable Communities Act and the Sustainable Communities (Parish Councils) Order 2013.
6. Executive Committee.
A meeting of the Executive Committee took place on 10th October; the next is due on 18th December. The committee comprises the seven Area Committee chairmen plus the association

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer and presents its reports to the Board. As an area committee Vice-Chairman, I am a reserve, attending only in the absence of the area committee chairman.

7. It is **recommended that** the contents of this report be noted.

Cllr. Geof Butterwick
Chairman, MPC Planning & Transport Committee
Member, SALC Board and Planning Working Group
10th November 2013