



SALC Representative's Report.

1. Over the last three months, the following meetings of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils have taken place:-

- 25th June - Planning Working Group. This considered:-
 - Neighbourhood Planning;
 - Community Infrastructure Levy;
 - Transport Seminar;
 - Solar parks;
 - SCDC Scrutiny Committee;
 - Local Transport Board's Long List of Transport Projects;
 - Car parking;
 - Planning Enforcement.
- 11th July - Board. Due to family commitments, I was unable to attend. This considered:-
 - Finance Manager's Report;
 - Nominations to go to AGM, *i.e.* for President, Vice-Presidents and Auditor;
 - Review of the Business Plan;
 - Review of the Constitution;
 - Reports of Chairman/Executive Committee/Chief Executive Officer/Policy Working Group/Planning Working Group/NALC/Awards/Mailing Review.

2. Over the same period, the following LAIS (Local Associations Information Service) briefing papers have been produced and distributed not only to SALC member councils but to other associations which subscribe to the service:-

- 1352 - Voting Age;
- 1353 - Precept Data;
- 1354 - Community Infrastructure Levy;
- 1355 - Spending Review;
- 1356 - Rewiring Public Services;
- 1357 - Renewable Energy Planning Guidance.

It is important that councillors read these, as they often contain information which should be of use to the council and which we may be unaware of through other channels.

3. SALC's quarterly newsletter *The Local Councillor* was distributed in late August; all councillors should have received a copy. Front page news is the appointment of a new Local Council Support Officer, whilst Melton gets an honourable mention on p4, there is news about improved broadband connectivity on p6 (which may be relevant to Melton) and an item on the recent extension of the scope of the Sustainable Communities Act on p15.

4. The next meeting of SALC Suffolk Coastal Area Committee is on Monday 16th September at the Riverside Centre, Stratford St. Andrew, starting at 19:00. As with all meetings of Area

Committees, this is open to any councillor or clerk from a member council. I would be pleased if any colleague wishes to accompany me.

5. The SALC Planning Working Group, of which I am a member, also considers a range of issues by eMail exchange. One particularly concerning us is the way in which it appears the Community Infrastructure Levy will operate in Suffolk. Discussions are continuing to determine whether it is possible to achieve an outcome more in line with the intentions of the government under the Localism Act.
6. It is **recommended that** the contents of this report be noted.

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