

Mid Suffolk District Councillor Michael Burke

Report to Eye Town Council November 15th, 2017

Organisation

Move To Ipswich

The move to Ipswich was completed when the final staff movements took place this last weekend. Planning meetings will be held in Needham until end 2017

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils

Babergh scrutiny committee decided to refer the decision to put the most favourable option back to cabinet, taking into account comments from the scrutiny committee, a more detailed financial case and further information about the consultation activities, particularly the telephone poll. Finally that cabinet refer any decisions back to full council for debate. Mid Suffolks decisions were not called in however work put on hold until after Babergh Cabinet.

Policing in Eye and Surrounds

Gus McGregor

In preparation for a meeting with the Police Commissioner it may be interesting for people to be aware of some of the figures/costs that we in Eye are having to pay.

The ward of Eye alone pays in some £140,000 to the overall Police Budget of £122 million.

If this is scaled up to include the populations of the surrounding villages, some 8352 people, then the estimated contribution from that is £632000

The above is related to our contribution of Council Tax which goes to the police budget. The overall Police income is of course much higher than the Council Tax element and on the basis of 8352 population our related share of the budget is £1.3 m!

These figures will be taken up with the commissioner on the basis of Eye getting value for money and its fair share of policing. I will also be talking to him about possible grants for CCTV as there is a suitable fund under his control

A140 Road Improvements

I attended a briefing on the A140 road improvements at Brome and Castleton Way /Yaxley junctions.at

Total costs for the work are financed by DOT Funding of £3.8m, and local contribution Suffolk CC of £1.61. It involves 2 new roundabouts one at the Castleton Way junction and a second at the Thrandeston Turn latter replacing the Swan junction and the slip road. Perhaps retaining a left turn at those points.

Job growth in the area estimated at 3000, opening up the airfield to business and economic growth and some 600 houses

Timetable

Detailed design and public consultations during 2018, Panning submission late 2018, construction Summer 2019, completion March 2020

At the recent meeting with DRAX they also outlined the possible timetable for the new power plant and assuming they win the necessary tender construction would start in Spring 2019 with completion Summer 2020. So there will be a lot going on over 2019/20

Locality Awards

As reported last time the Locality Awards applications have been submitted to MSDC. We should hear confirmations next week . As soon as we have those confirmations I will write to all groups concerned

Neighbourhood Plan

PADDOCK HOUSE

I am meeting with the Chief Executive of MSDC , Arthur Charvonja tomorrow, together with other key officers associated with the development of Paddock House

This meeting was as previously planned and will be followed by a meeting with ETC and that followed by a public discussion early in the New Year. This will happen prior to any planning application, and any further consultation as a result.

Other Matters

Electric car charging point.
Written to the Environment Agency - suggesting why Eye should
have a charging point.