

County Councillor Report



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Election Moratorium – Commenced on 3rd June. Cabinet and committee meetings scheduled during the Moratorium period will go ahead, as the Council must continue to operate.

D-Day – The County Service of Commemoration for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day took place on 6th June in the evening at Bury Cathedral. It was attended by Clare, Countess of Euston and HM Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk.

Suffolk Walking Festival - Kicked off on Saturday 11 May at Thornham Walks, and takes place over two weeks with walks to suit all ages and interests. Tickets for this year's walk are now on sale, visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk.

Grass and Verge Cutting – the schedule for all Suffolk roads has been published. Refer to: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/trees-grass-and-weeds/grass-cutting?nodeId=ca661a3d-e7e4-59b5-a821-67f162ee0f54&entryId=f6ada90b-fd63-5a18-b925-fe972eabd818>

Suffolk Business Board Established - The Business Board met for the first time in May, it takes over the role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) in providing a voice for Suffolk businesses in Suffolk, and is chaired by Mark Pendlington, former High Sheriff of Suffolk; Cllr Matthew Hicks, SCC leader is deputy chairman. It's focus is on key Suffolk sectors including agri-food, retail, technology, ports and logistics, and the visitor economy.

School Travel – Council funded school travel notices will be sent by 10th May 2024 with details of how to opt-in. Parents or carers with a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 who have not yet applied for a school place should apply immediately. Refer to the [School Admission pages](#) or by contacting Suffolk County Council on 0345 600 0981.

National Grid Pylons Consultation Update –The response period has been extended until Friday 26th July, refer to: nationalgrid.com/norwich-to-tilbury On 21st May SCC Cabinet passed a resolution asking Government and National Grid to pause the process to allow full evaluation of the options (see below). Norfolk County Council has agreed a similar measure. For information about options to the proposal currently under consultation refer to the **Electricity System Operator (ESO) Offshore Coordination Study** – [ESO East Anglia Network Study](#) published on 12 March 2024. National Grid has committed to take the results of this study into account in designing the electricity distribution system for this region. While off shoring cabling is preferred, a *High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) onshore option* would enable undergrounding for the length of the route.

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