

June County Council Report for Cllr Stuart Bird

LOCALITY BUDGET

This is a reminder that I have a new allocation of £8000 in funds for the budget year April 2023 to March 2024. This is available for grants to charities, community groups, schools and parish council projects. I have already made three awards which, subject to final payment, will total £2290 from the £8000 fund.

HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE

The County Council has announced an additional £10m to be allocated for resurfacing of roads. This is an almost doubling of the current budget of £11m. The extra money will be directed to roads such as cul-de-sacs and remote rural roads which may have been previously missed in resurfacing priorities. County Highways engineers will assess and decide where this funding will be spent.

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES

The County Council awards an annual subsidy of £5.9m to the running of libraries. It has been announced that there will be an extra £720,000 per annum awarded, initially to run to the end of the current contract in July 2024.

MY COMMITMENTS

Following the recent election, I lost my District Council seat but retained my position at Felixstowe Town Council. At Town Council I will remain as Chairman of Planning Committee and stay on Finance and Governance. At County Council, in addition to being on Scrutiny Committee, I have joined Development and Regulation Committee. This is the County equivalent of planning, dealing with footpaths, and applications for schools and quarrying.

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