

A Joint Report to Hasketon Parish Council
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for Woodbridge Ward



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Health and wellbeing funding: New funding to support the new 'Community Call to Action' has been made available to Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils by Public Health and Protection at Suffolk County Council.

The total funding available through this commissioning round will be £125,000 across Suffolk Coastal and Waveney districts.

A new Health and Wellbeing Community Call to Action Programme will be set-up to commission community groups and voluntary sector organisations to deliver new activity around health and wellbeing. Groups will be invited to bid against a budget of £62,500 for Suffolk Coastal.

The funding will support innovative, pilot projects that enable voluntary sector organisations and/or community groups to try something new to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population.

Food and Safety Service Plan: The Council has produced a Food and Safety Service Plan as prescribed by the Food Standards Agency to look at the Council's performance and identify any areas for improvement.

The plan details successes by the Council's Food Safety team in the last five years, for example how in the five years that the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme has been operating in Suffolk Coastal, we have seen an increase of 79% in the number of premises achieving the highest rating of 5, very good. It also demonstrates the success of the campaign Eat Out Eat Well which encourages businesses to offer foods in low fat, salt and sugar and have healthier food more widely available.

East Suffolk Performance Report: Both Councils have undertaken a quarterly performance report from 1 April to 30 June this year which provides an overview of the Council's progress of our East Suffolk Business Plan.

Overall we are pleased to see that both Councils are continuing to make significant and positive progress in delivering our objectives. Key achievements include; increasing the number of businesses we support through Economic Services (34), beating our target for the number of major (70%) and minor planning applications (66.39%) and seeing a reduction in the amount of time it takes our Customer Services to process payments (down from 12 days to 7.7) and amount of complaints we receive (24).

The report contains information provided by all individual services and key strategic partner organisations for example Places for People who have seen an increase in the number of people participating in sport (174,561 for target of 168,393) and Suffolk Coastal Norse who have noticed an increased in the amount of waste we send to be reused, recycled or composted (61.53% for target of 60.63).