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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT 2022-2023

In setting out its 2021 business plan for the next few years, the council's priorities are to:

- promote and support the health and wellbeing of all people in Suffolk
- strengthen the local economy
- protect and enhance the environment
- provide value for money for the Suffolk taxpayer.

Below are just some of the initiatives taken by SCC in the last year. More details may be found on the county council's website www.suffolk.gov.uk.

- April 2022** -
- £350,000 funding dedicated to Suffolk's Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy.
[A 3 year strategy to reduce and prevent this type of crime](#)
 - Suffolk Highways resurfacing 150 miles of roads at 173 different sites in 2022/23.
[Resurface and Surface Dressing Treatments expected to last between 5 and 20 years](#)
- May 2022**
- Suffolk County Council plants 198,547 trees across Suffolk in the last 2 years.
[£400k spent to absorb CO2 equivalent to 8.8m miles in a typical petrol car](#)
- June 2022**
- New scheme based in Felixstowe reuses over 800,000 tonnes of water.
[Drainage water pumped inland conserving saltmarshes + refilling 14 irrigation reservoirs](#)
 - Funding for second phase of £45 million five-year project for SEND places agreed by Cabinet.
[Target to create 898 places to support growing number of children with SEND](#)
- July 2022**
- Essex and Suffolk Councils unite condemning proposals for a 180km network of 50m tall electricity pylons.
[National Grid - East Anglia Green from Norwich via Bramford to Tilbury - outdated + damage to countryside. Support for undersea cable routes](#)
 - Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk Council secure £180m commitment from EDF for mitigation and compensation from a future Sizewell C project.
[SCC is disappointed that several key issues could be still be improved on e.g. removal of Sizewell link road, blight of additional pylons, unnecessary outage car park Goose Hill.](#)
 - A new map for hauliers plotting journeys across Suffolk has been drawn up.
[Utilising new bypasses Beccles, Eye and Haverhill. Downgrading routes near Leiston.](#)
- August 2022**
- The council submitted a bid of £1,362,000 to the Department for Transport, as part of the Local EV Infrastructure (LEVI) pilot scheme.
[Commercial funding brings total to £2.75m to improve existing sites and add a further 30 sites in addition to the existing 100 charging points.](#)

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- Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) speed indicator devices rolled out, 10 rotating devices display drivers speeding and results in follow up letters and visits from the police for persistent offenders. 2 year programme extended in March 2023.
- October 2022**
- Work on a major expansion of the Foxhall Recycling Centre near Ipswich to begin.
£7.8m to be spent on improving access. Foxhall accounts for 19% county recycling
 - £3m of further new funding to provide places for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) was agreed.
This provides a further 42 additional spaces on top of the 898 after the funding in June
- November 2022**
- A project with the aim of replacing all 43,400 streetlights across Suffolk with sustainable, longer-lasting, and cost-saving LED bulbs nears completion.
The switch to LED lighting was aiming to save 76% in costs, but the total saving has exceeded 77.6% so far.
 - Ground-breaking new guidelines for developers to help them design sustainable and low-carbon neighbourhoods have been launched by Suffolk County Council.
Suffolk Design Streets Guide prioritises walking and cycling over cars for developers.
 - A new initiative named Multiply Suffolk, which will offer adults an opportunity to improve their numeracy skills, has launched in Suffolk.
Free courses are available for adults who do not have GCSE grade C/4 or higher including Money Management for Parents and Carers
- December 2022**
- A landmark devolution deal, which puts money and power over building, regeneration and skills into the hands of leaders in Suffolk was signed.
An initial £500m investment fund over 30 years will be made available to drive growth and plan for the long term.
- February 2023**
- Adult care services and children's services receive £47m more funding as part of Suffolk County Council's £685m budget proposals in 2023/2024.
SCC has managed to preserve services across its activities, finding savings of £15m with a resulting increase in council tax of 3.99%.
 - Suffolk County Council has reduced its carbon emissions by 15% in the last 2 years.
Progress is being made towards the ambitious target to be a Net Zero county council by 2030, with a £13m spend to save project decarbonising its buildings
 - Milestone Infrastructure, part of M Group Services, has been awarded Suffolk's new highways services contract, which will begin on 1 October 2023.
The new contract partnership may be in place for up to 20 years and will be worth up to £1bn.
 - Suffolk Fire and Rescue Community Risk Management Plan was brought to Cabinet for approval for its adoption from April 2023.
The plan is designed to identify known and foreseeable risks and the optimum deployment of its resources.

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