

## District Councillor Report January 2026

There isn't a lot to report on at this moment as we have all had a break over Christmas and the New Year. There was, as usual, no MSDC meeting in December. One topic, only indirectly concerning the Parishes and the District Council is the matter of a possible postponement/cancellation of the Local Elections in May this year. For any election to be postponed any County Council will have to ask the Government for this to happen. The original idea emanated from the government, in late December last year. The deadline for such a request is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. Of note is that the Electoral Commission has clearly advised against any postponement. Essex and Norfolk have already stated that they won't ask for this. The SCC has yet to decide what they'll do.

There is still the possibility to apply for grants to make your home warmer, there are conditions for this to be successful. One being that the total annual household income must not exceed £ 36000, the present energy grading must be D to G and there are others too. The total sum available is £1,36 million. This must be allocated by the end of March. To find out more the website [www.warmhomessuffolk.org.uk](http://www.warmhomessuffolk.org.uk) can be visited.

The Climate Emergency Plan is evolving. To view progress made do visit the website Sustainable Suffolk.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of December I wrote and forwarded my comments on the 'Water recycling, transfer and storage project. The maps used were not, in my view, very easily manageable. I had a very good look and my suggestions boiled down to avoiding as much as possible damages and inconveniences to homes, farms and businesses in our area. Overall I am in favour of the project as I believe that without it the present water shortage would become untenable.

Sincerely Yours,

Anders Linder