

July 2017 report for the Thredling Division from Cllr Matthew Hicks

Deborah Cadman to take up new Chief Executive role in West Midlands

Suffolk County Council's Chief Executive, Deborah Cadman OBE is to take up a new role as the first permanent Chief Executive of the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA). She joined Suffolk County Council in 2011 and since then has overseen a dramatic improvement in education attainment levels in Suffolk, improved staff morale and led the careful implementation of over £200million of savings made necessary by reductions in funding from government. Deborah has held several senior posts in her career, including Chief Executive of the East of England Development Agency and Chief Executive at St Edmundsbury Borough Council as well as interim Chief Executive of Waveney, Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils. Deborah said: "I am delighted to have been offered the post of Chief Executive at the WMCA. This is such a fabulous moment in time for the West Midlands and is an irresistible opportunity to work alongside our newly elected Mayor and bring greater prosperity to the place where I grew up. I will find it incredibly hard to say goodbye to Suffolk though. It's a wonderful place, with fantastic people. The politicians, staff and partners I have worked with in the last six years have shown me the extraordinary level of talent and commitment we have right here in the county."

Success for Foxhall Recycling Centre at national awards

The success of a Suffolk Household Waste Recycling Centre has been recognised at a national awards ceremony in London. Suffolk County Council's Foxhall Household Waste Recycling Centre, which is provided by FCC Environment, took home the title of Civic Amenity Site of the Year at the 2017 Excellence in Recycling and Waste Management Awards in May. The award was picked up at the ceremony, against competition from the London Borough of Hillingdon, Reading and South Tyne and Wear, and recognises innovation, dedication and success within the waste and recycling industries. In winning the award, the Recycling Centre showed how innovation at the site has improved the service for users. In response to increased popularity, the site was transformed to enable more vehicles to access the site without the need to close to empty bins and the new partnership with local charity The Benjamin Foundation to introduce a re-use shop, selling items collected at Foxhall – and other Suffolk Recycling Centres - that would have otherwise been thrown away, all in the aid of charity. www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk

Suffolk will be hosting stage 6 of the 2017 OVO Energy Tour of Britain on Friday the 8th September

The Tour of Britain is an 8 stage international road race that attracts the best male road cyclists in the World. 2017 will be the 14th edition of the race and has the biggest live attendance of any sporting event in the UK and is completely free to spectate. Stage 6 will start in Newmarket before travelling 183km across the county to finish in Aldeburgh. Full details of the race route can be found using at www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-six/ and you will also find a race ETA on the website. The race will operate under a rolling road closure which will see a delay to motorists on the route of between 10 – 15 minutes as it passes through. The closures are managed by the police and the National Escort Group (NEG) with support from a local traffic management team, who will put into place road closures at the start and finish of the race and any parking restrictions on required on route by the Route Director. Advanced warning signs will be placed along the route two weeks in advance to notify road users and communities of any traffic management being implemented, which will also be supplemented with a leaflet and information in the media to try and minimise any disruption and inconvenience. The event will attract extensive media coverage including 3 hours live TV on ITV4 plus a 1 hour highlights programme, International and National Newspapers, daily reports on Sky News, BBC and ITV regional news, regional newspapers, and radio. It's estimated that the Net Expenditure generated from the Tour of Britain in 2015 brought in over £2.2 million to the Suffolk economy and with 2017 being the first year that a whole stage has been hosted in the county this figure is expected to increase significantly. The race also provides a fantastic platform from which to promote Suffolk as a tourist destination, whilst engaging and inspiring residents across the county to get active and help make Suffolk the most active county in England.

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