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At the NCC budget meeting yesterday a 2.99% increase on council tax was agreed for the 2019/20 year.

It was also agreed to move over our highways work to Norse who will set up a new company called Norse Highways, this will enable our highways department to be more commercial. The point of contact with our highway engineers will not change for councillors and Parish councils.

LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY-TIPPING

All of Norfolk's councils, the Environment Agency, Norfolk Constabulary, the National Farmers Union and the Country Landowners Association are joining together to support the SCRAP fly-tipping campaign. No one likes to see fly-tipping in our countryside, it is illegal, dangerous to wildlife and our environment. There are lots of ways that people can legally get rid of the things they no longer want, so in addition to asking people to avoid giving their waste to rogue traders, the SCRAP campaign will be highlighting how people can dispose of items and stay within the law.

Suspect All waste carriers

Check with the environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is licensed

Reuse unexpected offers to have your waste taken away

Ask what will happen to your waste

Paperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt

Visit norfolkrecycles.com/scrapflytipping for more information

Schools and community groups in South Norfolk are being urged to join a district-wide spring clean. South Norfolk Council's Big Litter Pick 2019 was launched in February and will run until the end of May and every group has the chance to win £200 to spend in their community. Last year over 900 residents collected nearly 2,000 bags of rubbish and recycling. The council provides posters and leaflets to publicise community litter picks and also provides advice and equipment, and when the event is finished, it will take the rubbish away. Email litterpick@s-norfolk.gov.uk or call 0808 1683333.

G.N.L.P. Greater Norwich Local Plan

The next stage of this plan following the latest consultation is for the draft plan to be drawn up and to be agreed by all four local authorities (NCC, south Norfolk council, broadland district council & Norwich city council) before the plan goes out to another public consultation later in 2019 with the preferred sites identified for development. Adoption of this local plan is on track for the autumn of 2021. For more information go to www.gnlp.org.uk

The last Harleston Business Forum breakfast was held at Archbishop Sancroft School where we had a talk about the promoting the Waveney Valley from Lisa Vincent. It was good to meet and talk to the students and staff, hearing about all that is happening at their school. (Good Breakfast) In April our speaker will be Phil Courtier who is the chief planning officer from South Norfolk and Broadland district council, who I'm sure will give us update about GNLP as well as local sites.

My next surgery will be at HIP on Saturday March 16th at 10am

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