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Leadership Changes:

A Leadership election has followed with the appointment of Andrew Proctor who has been a County Councillor for at least 15 years and Leader of Broadland District Council for at least 10 of those years. He is a pragmatic leader who will be fair, consistent and evaluate any policies with a clear head for the economic value and social need
Huge experience in both politics and banking

Childrens Services

Proposals to establish more special needs schools as at present children are having to travel long distances at huge costs in taxi services as insufficient local facilities. Capital costs will be extensive but long term savings possible with reduced transport costs.

Adult Social Services.

Adult social services costs increasing significantly with aging population and government is having to look at new ways of funding it as well as ensuring initiatives in supporting independence at home and reducing needs for hospital care. It seems that many people live well until their mid 80s but then significant social care needs increase. Medical care is totally funded by central government through taxation but social care is not so we need to look different ways of funding this. Hospital care is about **£700 per day, residential care between £700 and £1000 per week**. 45% of older people self fund Residential Care and the remainder are funded by social services. Reducing residential care and increasing support in the home is often preferable as well as initially cheaper. Green paper on tax raising proposals are underway.

Transport costs for adults with learning disabilities attending day centres is in excess of £6 million. Many of are really keen to gain more independence and are having 1:1 support to enable them to do so, including catching buses etc. Often parents have in many ways over protected those with learning disabilities but they want to gain the confidence to lead more independent lives

Hospital admission reduction initiative

A £2.6m cash injection has been pledged to lift pressure on the NHS over the winter and to cut hospital admissions.

Five clinical commissioning groups in Great Yarmouth & Waveney and the rest of Norfolk are providing funds .

A key move is to extend the early intervention vehicle (EIV) - an ambulance to assess people who fall at home to see if they need hospital care.

A six-month trial on the EIV last winter helped bring admissions down from 78% of emergency calls to 23%.

From October, the service will run seven days a week all year round, instead of the four days a week seen last winter.

'Great impact'

Cath Byford, from the Norfolk and Waveney Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, said: "This is about what's out there in terms of best practice around the country and also what we have learned from last winter.

"I believe it will have a great impact on our vulnerable people who don't need hospital but need help."

Environment Development and Transport

Consultation regarding proposals for the Western Link to the NDR across the Wensum Valley completed. Absolutely essential and support by most people and the Hospital (NNUH) in particular. Environmentalist still resistant.

Highways

£6,000 available again this year for safety improvements in our Divisions

Norfolk Day Celebrations: July Launch of "Norfolk Womens Aspiration Charter." On Norfolk Day Event at County Hall with women from a diverse range of backgrounds including young entrepreneurs to Consultant Cardiologist and a Judge. All are sharing experiences of overcoming challenges which might have prevented them from aiming high and obtaining the skills they need to progress in life and achieving their goal.

As Chairman I joined the Lord Mayor of Norwich, Mayor of Great Yarmouth, Kings Lynn and Chairman of South Norfolk on a tour of Norfolk including riding on the Snails in Yarmouth, the Gallopers in Bressingham, visiting Captain Mannering of Dads Army at Thetford, Sandringham Gates, Ranworth Broads and finally Fish and Chips on Yarmouth sea front

Carriageway resurfacing at A146 / A143 roundabout at Gillingham

Work will begin [on Wednesday 12 September](#) to carry out major carriageway resurfacing works on the A146 / A143 roundabout at Gillingham. To minimise disruption this work is being carried out overnight [7.00 pm to 6.00 am](#) and is expected to take three nights to complete, subject to suitable