

Thorndon Parish Council 5.1.2012

County Councillor Report

Meeting with the New Chief

Only a week into Deborah Cadman's new role as the Chief Executive of Suffolk County Council, she has had meetings with all group leaders including myself. This is a complete change in attitude to her predecessor Andrea Hill. Who saw keeping elected members fully informed as somewhat optional.

I am delighted to report that our new Chief is very aware of many of our rural concerns, and fully in support of our groups vision for changes to the way that County Hall is run. This stems largely from Deborah's background in local government at a District level being the C.E.O of St Edmundsbury Council. Her view of District Councils widely acknowledges the vital role they play and how they can truly be the eyes and ears for a community and that the County should build that into their thinking and strategies into the future.

The meeting recognized that 2012 would be a very challenging year, but smarter working together could deliver a changed service delivery in a slightly more joined up way.

Sorry this is all I have to report , and look forward to seeing you next meeting.

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