

Thorndon Parish Council 5.6.2014
County Councillor Report

School Improvement

A school improvement strategy has been developed which includes a milestone plan with measurable targets. This has been shared with schools and a wide range of other stakeholders. Feedback is now being used to develop a final version of the strategy. The final version will be published imminently.

Following this years critical Ofsted inspection of Suffolk County Councils own support service, a post Ofsted action plan has been developed and submitted. We are currently awaiting a response from Ofsted. We are pushing ahead with implementing key parts of the plan.

To Support School improvement and post Ofsted work we are working closely with Northern Education Associates (NEA) a national organisation with expertise in school improvement. NEA are supporting transformation work with the Learning Improvement Service and post Ofsted action planning and strategy development.

Supporting Local Business

The Procurement team is working closely with the Suffolk Chamber of Commerce to make the councils own spend more accessible to small and medium sized enterprises. The team have attended a number of events including the Anglia Business Exhibition to promote and advise on how businesses can access some of the £400 m + which the council spends annually on its contracts.

New Recycling Contract

Viridor Waste management has been awarded the new recycling contract by the Suffolk Waste Partnership. Viridor will sort and sell the dry recyclables collected at the kerbside by all 7 district councils at their material recycling facility (MRF) in Great Blakenham. The contract will commence 1st November 2014 and run for 5 years.

Broadband Update

New green broadband cabinets are now being installed in Mendlesham and in Bacton, and the second county council procurement to fill in gaps in coverage (Thorndon) is progressing on target, with this contract due to be signed later this year.