

County Council – 13 February 2020

Notice of Amendment to Agenda Item 8 (Revenue Budget 2020-21 and Capital Programme 2020-23)

Notice of amendment from Cllr Sarah Adams (Proposer) and Cllr Peter Gardiner (Seconder).

This Council resolves to:

- *Underpin the invaluable work of the Citizens Advice by increasing its funding by £64,000, from £120,000 to £184,000. In addition, Suffolk County Council will work with the Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure that, between them, a minimum of £368,000 is granted to Suffolk's Citizens Advice annually beyond 2020/21;*
- *Recognise the critical importance of health visitors to young families by reversing the £450,000 cut to the Healthy Child Service in full;*
- *Ensure that older people in sheltered accommodation are safe and adequately supported by wardens by reinstating £400,000 to the Housing Related Support budget, funding that was lost in 2018/19 budget cuts;*
- *Continue the vital work undertaken with Suffolk's district and borough councils, as well as third sector organisations and charities, to support people at the risk of homelessness, by reversing the 2019/20 cuts to Housing Related Support amounting to £450,000. This would provide an overall funding boost of £850,000 to the Housing Related Support budget;*
- *Protect the fabric of rural communities, promote sustainable, green travel alternatives and respond to the Climate Emergency by reversing the £340,000 cut to bus subsidies;*
- *End the patchwork pothole 'quick fixes' and instead look to proactively maintain our county's roads by allocating £860,000 to Road Investment.*

These budget amendments will be funded by:

- *Reducing the Suffolk 2020 Fund from £3,000,000 to £1,000,000;*
- *Diverting £200,000 from the Highways Investment Fund;*
- *Marginally decreasing the proposed unallocated reserves for 2020/21 from £55.577m to £55.213m.*

Additionally, 'at risk' locality budgets which are subsequently 'lost' will be reallocated to the Suffolk 2020 fund instead of being returned to general reserves.