

Framsden November 2015

Cllr Tim Passmore

Speeding - I have sanctioned £30 k for the instalment of variable speed message signs on a rotational basis across Suffolk. The county already owns several signs but didn't budget to have the poles installed.

We will be making further announcements in January about small mobile speed vans that can be deployed in villages as well including Framsden. Later this month we go live with a new motor cycle team of four riders who will be enforcing speeding, drunk / drug driving, mobile phone use and seatbelts.

Temporary Traveller sites - a call for sites has been issued by the county council on behalf of all councils and the constabulary. This will help all of us to remove illegal sites very quickly so there is much less disruption to local residents and businesses and lower cost to the taxpayer.

Devolution - who knows? the focus is on joint working especially in the areas of housing and the economy across Suffolk and Norfolk. DCLG will send an offer through before Christmas, but we are not clear exactly what it means. If it were up to me we would develop a single set of buildings, back office functions, fleet and facilities management, common IT systems, data sharing for public information, blue light responses, health care to preserve resources for the front line..... a huge task but devolution should mean local autonomy and accountability along with the funding!

Magistrates Courts closures - we hope to have an opportunity for a devolved system in Suffolk developed during the next 6 - 9 months. Closing all court houses except in Ipswich is fundamentally flawed and will damage trust in the criminal justice system.

Housing - the parish housing profiles have been completed and will soon be available on the MSDC website. The first council owned new houses for thirty years have started construction in Thurston with more due in Bramford and Barking.

Waste - work is still continuing on a joint procurement contract for garden waste is being tendered with a start date due in April. It will be interesting to see if there is agreement across Suffolk bearing in mind Ipswich and Coastal provide this service for no additional charge – it's not free of course and is shared by all of their council tax payers!

Many thanks

Tim

Ps The major announcement on the future of county policing will be made in early December but no need for alarm