

Cllr Stephen Molyneux Report:

It's still early days at County. I feel like residents hear the same time we do what reform are planning as they are currently playing their political manoeuvres out in the media rather than in cross-party meetings.

The big headlines, judicial review on Local Government Reorganisation, St George's flag replacing the Ukrainian flag and rescinding the Climate Change Emergency Declaration and going through the budget to look at net zero spending. It's pretty much a cut and paste of every council that their party currently runs.

I believe any significant change of policy will have to be evidenced and showing savings which will be difficult as everything that already exists has already been evidenced and proven to save money.

I'm a deputy spokesperson for Development and Regulation and have now had two training sessions which have been really useful for preparing for the first committee meeting that happened this week.

Myself and my counterpart Keith Welham are soon meeting with officer Ross Walker to be updated around the County Local Plan which will cover:

- what the existing plan does
- what the new one will do (and what is different under the new system)
- where we are / the timetable going forward for the new minerals and waste plan.
- the Local Aggregate Assessment (LAA) which is the core document for calculating the minerals need / supply.

Aside from training, my time has been taken up visiting parish and town councils, taking tours and becoming familiar with their most pressing issues and concerns.

Was very happy to be given a tour of Ufford by David and Vince last Wednesday covering amongst other things, the breach down at the hole, planning issues and taking in some of the very impressive historical sites. I have officially supported Cllr Noble's concerns around the Nicholls Close proposal and have also started looking at the Old Bredfield Road proposal.

I carried out a similar tour of Framlingham and have attended Wickham Market's Sizewell C Committee Meeting and also their parish council meeting and will be arranging a tour with them as well. I also recently attended the Southern Transport meeting going over the extensive works that are being undertaken by Sizewell C.

While county is in this initial phase of finding its feet under this new administration, it's really proving to be the perfect opportunity to get to meet all the towns and parishes and get really familiar with all the issues each area is facing.

I attended Octopus Energy's Energy Tech Summit which boasted speakers such as John Kerry (64th US Secretary of State), Boris Johnson, Jimmy Wales (found of Wikipedia) and Claire Coutino Shadow Secretary of State among many others. The event showed the strength of the renewable energy market in the UK and the woeful direction of travel we're seeing politically where misinformation and vested interests are trying to put the breaks on a shift that needs to happen much faster.