

South Norfolk Annual Report

The collaboration with Broadland District Council is still working well and saving both councils money by sharing staff and services. We are jointly saving about £2.2 million a year at the moment. The next step may be to share a building as a joint headquarters. Some buildings have been considered but no decision has yet been made.

The Help Hub has been really busy dealing with issues arising from the pandemic as well as the usual problems that they assist with. They have also been preparing for providing accommodation for any Ukrainians that want to seek refuge in our area. This is being co-ordinated at Government and County level but Districts are co-ordinating the housing and any other help needed.

The Leisure Centres and swimming pools are all open again and getting back to normal.

The Development Management Team have experienced high volumes of work but are gradually getting on top of things.

The Economic Development Team are supporting the Market Towns and encouraging people to support local businesses to ensure they can survive. The Council is going to increase provision of electric charging points on council owned car parks and are offering grants to support local villages that want to install some. They are still working on the details like who can sell electricity, maintenance required etc.

There are still various grants available: the Community Action Fund (grants from £1,000- £15,000) for local projects, the Go for it grant (£350) to try out an idea for a new community group and the Members Grants (£1,000) also to support local projects. The Community Action fund has been tripled with emphasis on helping parishes that do not receive large amounts of CIL to invest in local projects.

Most SNC services are concentrating on trying to get back to how things were before the pandemic.

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