

Stoke Holy Cross District Councillor Report 27th November 2024

Grants

At present Member Ward Grants for 2024/25 have been fully reserved. Requests for future support with small projects (up to £1,000 usually) to benefit the local community can be made to your District Councillors.

County Council Budget consultation 25/26.

The next big subject will be the budget and how the Conservative administration will deal with keeping services at the level our residents deserve, without cutting any. There is a proposal to increase council tax with final decisions about the level of increase to be made on 18th February 25.

To find out more about the consultation and express your views follow the link here:

[Budget consultation 2025-26 - Norfolk County Council - Citizen Space](#) . The consultation closes on 16th December 2024

South Norfolk Budget Consultation

The district council has fewer budget pressures than the County. South Norfolk is also conducting a short budget consultation which can be found on the [council's website](#).

South Norfolk Planning – Suspension of Pre-Application Advice

The planning team is currently experiencing a very high workload resulting from the number and complexity of planning applications and enquiries being submitted. It has therefore reluctantly suspended its Pre-Application Advice service until January 2025. Residents should still be able to have a short phone conversation with a planning officer for informal advice.

South Norfolk and Broadland Community Link Network

This network is designed to bring together people who serve as community leaders and volunteers with voluntary groups and organisations. The objective is to encourage communication, collaboration, and support within the voluntary, community, and social enterprise sector. Membership is open to anyone who is part of a group and to residents interested in learning more about opportunities in the voluntary sector.

To find out more please email: communities@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk or call **01603 430431**.

South Norfolk and Broadland Business Awards

Nominations are open for the different categories of awards available. Nominations close on 13th December 2024.

Further information from: [SNC Business Award Link](#)

‘Norwich to Tilbury’ Update

National Grid has announced that it is now undertaking a number of surveys along the proposed route of the pylons, to help refine and complete its application for planning permission (known as a Development Consent Order or DCO) to the Planning Inspectorate in Summer 2025.

PylonsEastAnglia are continuing to campaign against the pylon proposals. For further information visit <https://pylonseastanglia.co.uk/actions>

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