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- ECC - Cllr Foley Report

New Booking System at Recycling Centres

In a word I think the new scheme is bonkers and they would have done well to speak to Parish Councillors/District Councillors and gone out to proper consultation first. I am strongly opposing it, as in the trial that has already been done recycling has gone down by 13% already in that area. I think the only thing likely to make a difference is if Residents, District and Parish Councillors complain, so a number of Cllrs and I have put together a very short survey to try to get as many responses as we can that I can then take back to the ECC Councillor responsible for Waste. I would be pleased if Little Bardfield complained direct to ECC.

Highways

Huge Staffing issues (lack of) at ECC

particularly in Highways and Youth Services and some recruitment on hold due to ECC Budget pressures which are reported to be the worst in decades.

Local Highways Plan update for this area to follow.

Thaxted School

John Starr (part of my Youth Strategy Group) and myself took assembly at Thaxted School on a "meet your County & District Councillor Morning last week.

The issue they all wanted to talk about was the environment and we are putting together a little project based on our discussions with them. Other School visits being planned...

ECC

Budget for ECC being set Thursday. I will update once details confirmed after Thursday Full Council.

One concern is time being allocated to the Thurrock Council after them asking the government for more money again to survive. THURROCK residents could potentially face massive council tax bills from April after the bankrupt council was given permission for rises above the usual legal limit.

The Government has given the authority the green light to increase council tax by up to ten per cent without having to go to residents for a referendum.

In December Thurrock Council formally announced its £469million debt has left it unable to balance its books.

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