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FIRE SERVICE; as a result of the proposed reduction in fire engines in Bury Ipswich and Lowestoft we put a motion to council to have these put on hold. This was debated for over 2 hours ; when put to the vote it was lost by 35 to 36

COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE; as a result of a petition to the council to reverse the 50% cut to the community transport this too was debated but again lost by 31 to 36

HGVs; at that meeting I got a question to the cabinet member asking him whether Suffolk will be doing a review of HGV routes. As we know this is causing some real concern.

KEIR APPLICATION; at the moment this has been withdrawn ; however there has been considerable lorry movements which I have asked SCC to look into.

FOSTER CARERS; there is to be another campaign to get more foster carers in Suffolk.

NEW CHARGES AT RE-CYCLING CENTRES; there will now be charges for some building materials which is causing some concerns that it will contribute to more fly tipping.

DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS; following the chancellor's announcement this is going full steam! However there is already a vote against by Cambridgeshire county council. I have grave concern at the idea of a directly elected Mayor who will have so much power with little democratic accountability. All councils have to vote on the plan by June followed by some sort of consultation then back to the councils around September with elections for the Mayor in May 2017