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CHILDRENS CENTRES; this was debated at cabinet last week, (I was interviewed in radio Suffolk that morning!!), as there were still some major concerns this has been called into the scrutiny committee on 11th February for re-examination. It will then be referred back to the cabinet on 24th Feb.

Despite the papers stating there had been discussion with the library I spoke to Richard Fawcett who confirmed there had been no discussion with the friends of Thurston library who are consulting on ways to improve the service there; I made these points to the cabinet.

COUNCIL TAX; the proposed budget has suggested a zero increase in council tax but with reduction in grants to a selection of charities and voluntary organisations,

A14; I have had a meeting with the Highways agency to raise the question of the state of concrete section between Stowmarket and Woolpit including the noise from this part of the road. I also asked Brian Pitkin from the Highways Agency to get the signs replaced for the A14 junction to Thurston and Beyton, the chevrons and to remove the signs left behind following the work done at the end of last year.

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Here again the proposal at the moment is for a zero increase in council tax. There is an underspend of £200,000 in community grants which they are suggesting dividing between cllrs in the form of a £6,000 locality budget to be spent in their ward. This has still to be confirmed. There is a proposal to borrow £25million but as yet no definite proposal for its use!! Maybe building some very sheltered housing.