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SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET; I have passed to all my clerks the consultation on the budget which you can respond to on-line. The scrutiny committee went through this in detail last week and will make recommendations to the cabinet. There continues to be concern at the cost of care for the elderly with the impact on the health service.

LIBRARY FUNDING; the council is proposing a further cut to financial support for libraries. I am sorry to hear this as community groups have done excellent work in trying to keep our libraries open. I am worried that this could impact on the mobile library service.

DEVOLUTION PROPOSALS; now Kings Lynn and West Norfolk have voted against this and Norfolk county council have cancelled their meeting. The Secretary of state will be writing to withdraw the deal. Suffolk council leaders are to confirm to the Sec of State that they wish to continue.

The county council has agreed to have dialogue with the SOFState to see if another deal can be negotiated. Mid Suffolk also agreed the same.

MID SUFFOLK; it is proposed that the sheltered housing in Rattlesden and Felsham are to de- designated but I have been assured that no-one already in sheltered will NOT be forced to leave and will be given a visiting service.

VERY BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND A SUCCESSFUL 2017

