

ITEM 11 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BUDGET ITEM

We wish to put the following amendment to the budget item:

Proposed: Penny Otton

Seconded: John Field

- a. Invest 50k in a feasibility study covering the introduction of a separate food waste collection aimed at processing that element of the waste stream by anaerobic digestion as the Energy from Waste Plant is close to capacity. The free capacity could then be used to deal with local commercial waste at a profit.
- b. £50k to be set aside for a referendum on merger to ensure that the current Mid Suffolk opinion is polled transparently and equally to that of Babergh
- c. Support the 0.5% rise in Council tax
- d. Work with SCC to use police/firestations for emergency homeless provision
- e. Introduce a radical approach for getting disabled grants dealt with, using £40k that is currently unspent to do so.
- f. Re-instate £30k for supported living. It is not reasonable to introduce a £2 per week increase in costs for the residents of supported housing while keeping the rise to council tax payers to £0.015per week.
- g. Reduce the £200K rent loss on council homes by £100k by targeting delays in the assessment, authorisation, materials procurement and scheduling of work processes possibly using a local contractor to deal with any backlog.
- h. Make a robust approach to Government to ensure that Mid Suffolk benefits from the lifting of the Cap on HRA borrowing.
- i. Take advantage of the raised cap to Increase borrowing by £20million to deliver 200 new affordable homes using the Transformation Fund to fund interest until building is complete and rent revenue increases.
- j. Investigate the possibility of MSDSC setting up a Community Land Trust to build more social and affordable homes thus avoiding right to buy
- k. Re-establish the income stream from building control by setting up a stand-alone company to provide this service operating from premises nearer to its clients.