

## Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council 11/4/22

1. Locality Fund:
  - a. For 2022/23, the Locality Fund will continue, but the amount per councillor will be reduced from £10,000 to £5,000;
  - b. I believe that all the 2021/22 Locality Fund monies for Saffron Walden (SW Museum, Gibson Library and Almshouses) has now been paid;
  - c. ECC are also introducing another Fund of £5,000 per councillor for Uttlesford to be used on a joint project with all the other councillors. From the background, this seems to be more a gimmick to get the phrase “Levelling Up” out as often as possible, but I’ll try to see how it can best be used.
2. Ukraine:
  - a. ECC are struggling as much as anyone with Government inaction, but are issuing a weekly update on actions in the county which I’m forwarding to the Town Clerk and Mayor to assist with co-ordination.
3. Health and Integrated Care Systems:
  - a. We had a briefing on these last week. In theory this should legalise a lot of existing co-working practices that were re-introduced despite the health reforms in the early 2010s trying to split up the NHS;
  - b. Sadly, the slides highlighted how much ill health is due to poverty and social inequalities and given the recent Government budget, that will only get worse;
  - c. As I said before, it’s not clear what if any impact there will be in Saffron Walden.
4. Matters for Planning and Transport:
  - a. Matters concerning: Flooding and drainage issues; highways and planning are separately reported to the Planning and Transport Committee;