

Paul Gadd County Councillor Update

Saffron Walden Town Council 14/2/22

1. UDC funding to retrofit energy efficiencies to lower income homes – strictly this is UDC rather than ECC but I promised Chloe that I'd help to spread the word, so anything SWTC can do to spread the word in Saffron Walden would be appreciated; although UDC has been allocated £1m, if other districts don't use their full allocations we may be able to get more money, so it makes sense for as many people as are eligible to register. Contact UDC and ask to talk about the Green Homes Grant.
2. ECC general:
 - a. There's a full council meeting on 10/2/22 - the main item of business is to approve the budget;
 - b. The Council tax precept is to increase by 4.49% - not surprising given the funding pressures central government is putting on councils, but unfortunately not helpful timing given all the current inflationary pressures.
3. Other matters:
 - a. A couple of issues were raised at the January Full Council meeting; I haven't had any further details on them, so if there is anything you would like me to look at specifically, please email me with details.
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;