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- (1) NORTH NORWICH DISTRIBUTOR ROUTE WORK RECENTLY COMMENCED ON THIS PROJECT WHICH WHEN COMPLETE WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO NORTH NORFOLK. WILL ENCOURAGE TOURISM, NEW BUSINESSES. IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE N-N HOSPITAL AND ALL LONDON ROAD. A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE WHICH STOPS WORK PROCEEDING. THIS DELAY WILL COST AN EXTRA HALF MILLION POUNDS
- (2) 2016/17 BUDGET. WHEN DEPARTMENT WAS REQUESTED TO REDUCE THEIR PROPOSALS BY 25%. TO MEET THIS THIS COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE ADVISED THE NFRS WOULD CLOSE 10 RETAINED FIRE STATIONS AND CLOSE 20 OF THE 47 LIBRARIES. WE OBJECTED TO THESE PROPOSALS AND NOW JUST 2 RETAINED FIRE STATIONS WILL CLOSE AND NO LIBRARIES.
- (3) SULLIAN REFUGES. NONE WILL BE COMING TO NORTH NORFOLK OR AN RURAL AREA IN THE COUNTY. THEY WILL BE LOCATED IN CIT YARMOUTH KING'S LYNN AND NORWICH WHERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SERVICES THEY REQUIRE.
- (4) A RECENT INDEPENDENT SURVEY OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT FOR NORFOLK 2ND OUT OF 27 COUNCILS FOR SATISFACTION WITH HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT SERVICES. 3,300 NORFOLK RESIDENTS WERE INTERVIEWED, SUBJECTS CONSIDERED WERE, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, WALKING, CYCLING, CONSIDERED ROAD SAFETY AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.
- (5) WINTER PREPARATION. 51 GRITTER LORENS ARE READY. THERE IS 17,000 TONS OF GRITTING SALT IN STOCK. GRITTING SALT IS PROVIDED FOR 1,800 CRIT BINS AND 2,000 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS ARE GRITTED. LAST YEAR THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT SNOW, JUST 65 GRITTING RUNS WERE COMPLETED.
- (6) NORFOLK FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE COUNCIL CUBS SCHEME. THIS HELPS CHILDREN / YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN ABOUT SAFETY AND HOW TO PROTECT THEMSELVES - SINCE 2003, 4,290 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN PART IN THESE COURSES.

1. TRADING STANDARDS ARE NOW ADVISING PEOPLE ABOUT THE POP UP SHOPS WHICH START APPEARING TOWARDS CHRISTMAS. THEY OFTEN SELL "SUPPOSED BARGAIN" GIFTS WHICH ARE NOT OPENED UNTIL CHRISTMAS DAY. BY THAT TIME THE POP UP SHOPS WILL HAVE CLOSED DOWN AND CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE NO REDRESS FOR FAULTY GOODS THEY HAVE PURCHASED.