

## County Councillor's Report for AGM 2015

Norfolk County Council is run by the Rainbow Alliance and there are huge savings that they have to make and from which they are running away.

Firstly, the Council is failing badly in most areas. Adult Social Services were made to reduce funding by 19 million for next year when they are running a 6 to 9 million budget deficit for this current year. As for the savings by the County Council that have to be made amounting to 110 million there are no plans and George Nobbs keeps kicking it up the road for later. (I suspect that they hope that if Ed Miliband is elected they will get relief). Personally I doubt that, the National Debt has to be repaid somehow. Spending on Children's Services has increased by 16 million but the outcomes have fallen. There are more schools in special measures with no help for the governors.

Adult education services across Norfolk which George Nobbs refused to modernise has been deemed inadequate by Ofsted. This is after its good report in 2012 under the Conservatives. In the words of Richard Bearman of the Green Party the services now face the real danger of closure thanks to George Nobbs. He has said nothing is going to change at Wensum Lodge. Wensum Lodge is the main place in Norwich that runs Adult Education. When we ran the Council we looked at the Colleges to provide the service. They are good at educating people fit to work.

£700,000 was given to Age UK Pension Fund not front line services at a time when many charities grants have been completely cut.

Refusal to help and support our injured war veterans is going to Full Council on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Two years ago the County Council was seen as a good Council. Now it is a failing Council. The damage that the Alliance has done in two years will take decades to put right. The system of governance is a recipe for disaster.

### Conservatives Achievements in Opposition.

£150m. from central Government for road maintenance and repairs

£141,077 houses can access superfast broadband after the Conservative Government scheme was implemented

A further \$8m. from Government for school expansion.

Although we are in opposition we have tried and succeeded in some cases, eg. We have stopped the prospect of charging £2. To visit the tip and we have also increased the Parish Partnership Fund for the next year. Parishes should be encouraged to apply. The success rate of Parishes is quite high.

We also have a Conservative Chairman for the economic Development sub committee in Beverley Spratt and he is really getting things turned around from the mess that George Nobbs, the Leader of the Council made when he insisted that he ran Economic Development although he had no business history at all.

On another note I have attended as many Parish Council meetings as possible and quite a lot of people have been in touch for help. At the moment I am very busy as you may know I am now Conservative Group Leader at the County. More to do!

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