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East Suffolk Council Electoral Review: The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking Suffolk people to comment on plans for council ward boundaries for the new East Suffolk Council.

The Commission launched an eight-week consultation on its proposals for the new wards on Tuesday, 3 July 2018 and it wants to hear local views on the proposals before it finalises them in October.

The consultation runs until **27 August 2018** and is open to anyone who is interested how the council will be represented. The full recommendations and detailed interactive maps are available on the Commission's website at consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk. Hard copies of the Commission's report and maps will also be available to view at council buildings.

Deben Leisure Centre Open: The refurbished Deben Leisure Centre re-opened last month and has been pulling in the crowds.

The centre closed in September 2017 to undergo a £3.5 million refurbishment, and is the first project to be completed in Suffolk Coastal's five year programme to improve leisure facilities and encourage more people to become active.

Now it offers a state-of-the art, modern leisure environment, which has already drawn in around 700 new members, joining the 100 existing members, who retained their membership during the refurbishment.

Memberships and prices information is at: <https://tinyurl.com/debenpool> or pop down to see them on site.

Garden Waste Scheme Latest: The launch of the Garden Waste Scheme continues to go well. As of midnight on 30 June, we had 31,740 households sign up (which represents about 54% of households in the Suffolk Coastal area) have joined the scheme – exceeding our target of 50%).

This means the income from the **annual** subscriptions to the service to date stands at £1.385 million and this figure is likely to increase as more householders join the scheme through the year.

Demand is now slowing, with an average of 100 orders a day throughout June, compared to an average 200 a day during May, with 53% of all orders being taken on line and 47% taken by phone or in person at the Woodbridge and Felixstowe libraries.

80% of customers have requested the bin upgrade but we expect this to increase slightly once the bulk of the new bins start to be delivered in the autumn.

Each year, we spend £3.5million on dealing with waste disposal. So the funds raised through the Garden Waste Scheme will allow us to off-set some of that cost, and take pressure off the Council Tax payer, for years to come.

Any questions please email me at robert.whiting@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

Kind regards

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