

## **Report for Lavenham PC 2.1.20**

Robert Lindsay, Suffolk County Councillor

### **Budget 2020-21**

Council precept to rise by 4% (2% general and 2% social care)

This leaves slight surplus for “investment” of £3.5m – available this year only.

- £3.0m – Suffolk 2020 Fund - Investment available for projects related to carbon reduction, carbon offset, road safety, natural environment, built environment, innovation and use of technology. Must have a cabinet member sponsor.

- £0.5m – Highways Investment Fund - Improving road sign and marking visibility, Refreshing road markings along main routes through villages and those supporting sustainable transport options such as cycling in urban areas. Minor repairs and resetting of twisted signs

### **Citizens Advice – another stay of grace**

Rather than remove the Citizen’s Advice grant (currently £0.184m) entirely in 2020-21, as last planned, the Council has committed to provide £0.12m each year for the next three years. Citizen’s Advice will also receive a second year of funding from the CCGs, which equates to an additional £0.184m for 2020-21