

## Borough

**A report to St Edmundsbury Overview and Scrutiny Committee** reveals a £109,477 fall in income from car parking in Bury St Edmunds last year. Although long stay parking is stable, short stay has been impacted by unusual weather and road works. Plans to develop potential new sites for car parking, which would see an extra 485 spaces, have been put on hold for the moment but will be kept under review, should work on increasing footfall reverse the trend. The Olding Road Car Park in Western Way is now free to use.

**Town center 'boy racer' ban plan.** A report to St Edmundsbury Overview and Scrutiny reveals plans to extend a public space protection order (PSPO) to cover nuisance caused by gatherings of drivers 'showing' their vehicles in Bury St Edmunds town Centre.

**Council tax rise for extra Police.** Police and Crime Commissioner has proposed a 10% increase in council tax to help fund 29 extra Police officers across Suffolk.

**£35,000 for energy pilot.** Finances are now in place for the £770,000 project to pilot schemes for generating energy, reducing carbon emissions, unlocking growth and providing income. Cllr Susan Glossop is quoted.

**Featuring the 2018 report** on the new development to be built in Western Way in Bury St Edmunds. The leisure Centre in Beeton's Way is set to relocate to the nearby site of St Edmundsbury Borough Council Depot as part of the scheme.

**The owner of Cycle King**, which traded on Angel Hill until a fire ripped through it on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017, submitted an application to St Edmundsbury Borough Council to build a new store at the site as well as three one-bedroom flats and one two-bedroom flat. But the council's Development Control Committee deferred the plans after the owner of a neighbouring pub and restaurant, which was also forced to close for four months following the fire, raised concerns at the meeting.

**In Bury St Edmunds** there are now around 20 people sleeping rough in the town, down by five since September and across West Suffolk numbers have fallen from 36 to 22. A number of charity-run projects have been tackling the problem and the council has triggered their emergency plans to put homeless people into temporary accommodation over winter.

**According to figures from the charity Crisis**, Britain is facing record levels of homelessness with more than 170,000 families at risk.

**Council leader asked to back People's vote.** Dozens of campaigners descended on a St Edmundsbury council meeting to seek support for a 'People's Vote' on the Brexit deal.