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In this newsletter there is an invitation to please join us for our Spring Conference and also a forwarded message from Norfolk County Council Children's Services on the proposed Early Childhood and Family Service .....

## SPRING CONFERENCE

**Roundwood Facilities & Conference Centre, Taverham**

**Thursday 14 March 2019  
Refreshments from 9am  
Conference 9.45am onwards**

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Nicky Debbage, Local Housing Enabler,  
North Norfolk DC

The need for affordable housing and how to deliver locally, focusing on community led housing

Natasha Morter, Community Information and Learning Manager, Norfolk CC

Introducing Norfolk's Community directory

Steve Parkinson, Parkinson Partnership LLP

Update on finance, audit and tax matters for town and parish councils

**1100 Tea/coffee** - networking with colleagues and browsing exhibitor stands

Cllr John Fuller, Leader, South Norfolk DC

Working to achieve better working between the local government tiers in Norfolk

Tim O'Riordan, President of Norfolk ALC

A green agenda for Norfolk's local councils

**1245 Lunch** - networking with colleagues and browsing exhibitor stands

**1345 Workshops** will run twice, so delegates can attend two from those listed

Phil Harris, Cromer TC Councillor and Norfolk ALC Deputy Chairman

Poor lands trusts good practice- reaching people in real financial need.

Sarah Thorpe, Clerk in West Norfolk

Sharing the experience of preparing and operating a Neighbourhood Plan in a small parish

Gabbie Joyce, Norfolk ALC Trainer

Looking towards and beyond the 2019 councillor elections across Norfolk.

**Exhibitors** include: BHIB insurance, Westcotec, Norfolk County Council, SLCC (Norfolk)

**Cost: Member councils – £55, non-members – £80**

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**Message from Norfolk County Council Children's Services on the proposed Early Childhood and Family Service**

"In September 2018, Norfolk County Council Children's Services launched a consultation on a new Early Childhood and Family Service. There were 1,576 responses to the consultation received, with 1,401 responses from residents and 175 from respondents affiliated with organisations.

We would like to thank you for taking the time to respond and I am writing to you to inform you that as a result of the consultation process we have amended our proposals in the following ways:

- Greater recognition that all families benefit from universal group activities
- Making it easier to access support
- Extending the new service to support families to connect with and make use of activities provided by local communities and partner organisations
- Keeping more buildings to reflect varying local needs in rural and urban areas
- Investing £500,000 to support local organisations and communities to use buildings, currently designated as children's centres, with a focus on services for families with children aged 0-5

The new service will:

- Provide targeted support for families with children aged 0-5
- Offer help so that all families can connect with local support and universal early childhood activities
- Operate 15 early childhood and family support bases and use a range of local delivery venues
- Contribute to joint working and maintaining partnerships as part of securing a local early childhood offer
- Invest £250,000 in community development to ensure there are strong networks of support
- Support an enhanced online and digital information, advice and guidance offer for families

The Council is committed to ensuring that Norfolk's most vulnerable children and families receive the support they need and we believe that the revised proposals for the Early Childhood and Family Service will provide a more targeted service."

The papers are available here:

<http://norfolkcc.comis.uk.com/norfolkcc/Meetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/496/Meeting/1473/Committee/8/Default.aspx>



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