

District Councillor Owen Grey – Report to Town and Parish Councils – 8th April 2026

Appreciate it has been a while since my last update. Much to juggle and over the past months I have been engaging residents on a raft of things from planning concerns to speeding, to solar farms, heating oil, and lorry traffic.

In my role as Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, I have been leading scrutiny across a wide range of important council matters. Recent work has included:

- Examining investment activity through Freeport East to better understand how it is serving our district and delivering tangible local benefit.
- Questioning external auditors (EY) on the delays to the Council's outstanding audits and pressing for clarity on timescales and accountability.
- Reviewing progress on tackling fraud and strengthening internal controls.
- Scrutinising the issue of refunds for overcharged housing tenants to ensure affected residents are treated fairly.
- Monitoring efforts to secure funding for new and improved social housing provision across the district.
- Ensuring strong governance, financial transparency and value for money remains a central priority.

Community Funding Supported

In the past 12 months, I have been pleased to support a range of local projects through my Enabling Communities Budget:

8 April 2025 – £600

Dennington CofE Primary School

Contribution towards the school's 150th Anniversary celebration.

1 May 2025 – £200

Earl Soham Village Hall Committee

Funding for new signage for the Village Hall.

3 July 2025 – £360

Swell Music CIC

Support for the Framlingham "Singing for Wellbeing" project.

8 August 2025 – £500

Rendham Village Hall Management Committee

Contribution towards essential roof repairs.

13 October 2025 – £600

Upper Alde and Ore Farm Cluster

Natural flood management and river restoration work.

3 November 2025 – £320

Framlingham Town Council

Contribution towards a Speed Indicator Device (SID).

If your parish has a project that may benefit from support, please do get in touch to discuss eligibility and next steps.

I run a casework triage system so I can manage queries and juggle family commitments effectively. So please don't hesitate to email if you need help with a particular issue.

Best wishes,

Owen Grey