

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

June 2024

Upcoming elections and referendums

The next election within our district is on Thursday 4 July. More details about the UK general election, as well as all other elections and referendums being held on the same day, can be found [on the council's website](#).

Councils' commercial property arm continues to outperform market

Babergh and Mid Suffolk's commercial property investment company raised more than £1.26m in net income last year.

Funding boost for Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities

Town and parish councils across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are set to receive more than £1.2m in developer contributions to help community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth.

Councils secure funding to improve swimming pool

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have both been awarded funding to help ease financial pressures and reduce the carbon footprint of the districts' swimming pools.

Food waste collections for Babergh and Mid Suffolk residents from 2026

Funding to begin food waste collections in Babergh and Mid Suffolk from 2026 has been agreed, as part of a nationwide requirement by central government.

Feel Good Suffolk helps over 2,000 people to improve their health and wellbeing

A service supporting Suffolk residents to make healthier choices has helped over 2,000 people to improve their health since its launch in October 2023.

Capital grant window reopens as £368k awarded in 23/24

Community groups can apply for capital grants once more as Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils highlight some successful projects from the 2023/24 financial year.

Thousands raised for Men's Shed by council Chair

Babergh District Council Chair, Cllr Elisabeth Malvisi, presented a cheque for £3,280 to a charity supporting the mental health of men in the district.

Newly-elected council leader: 'We need to rethink, rebuild and repair'

Cllr Deborah Saw has been elected the new leader of Babergh District Council, with a pledge to tackle housing issues, empower communities and address climate change.

Half term fun for families in Babergh and Mid Suffolk

A healthy selection of half term activities is on offer for children across Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the district councils help to support families during the school break.