

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

Council leaders back 'Suffolk to the Power of Three' option as part of local government reorganisation consultation

Suffolk residents, businesses and local organisations are being urged to take part in a once in a generation opportunity to shape how council services are delivered for their local communities.

The Government's statutory consultation on LGR is now open, but people only have until **11 January** to respond, so we would be grateful for your help in ensuring that your communities are aware.

The consultation seeks views on the two proposals submitted for Suffolk: the Three Councils for Suffolk case submitted jointly by the district and borough councils, and One Suffolk, submitted by Suffolk County Council.

You can find out more on [the Three Councils for Suffolk website](#), including the benefits of our case for businesses, residents, town and parish councils and for the voluntary and community sector.

In addition to our case in full, there are also [Q&As](#) which may help you respond to queries from residents. The site also includes a link to the [One Suffolk website](#) to ensure awareness of both cases.

Suffolk residents urged to apply quickly for free home energy upgrades

Suffolk residents living in properties which are not energy efficient, could be eligible for funding to make their homes warmer and reduce their energy bills, thanks to Warm Homes Suffolk.

Upcoming grant deadline

The application window for the Community Development Fund will close on 18 January 2026. Up to £10,000 can be applied for to help deliver capital, revenue or pre-project activities. All the information you need can be [found on our community funding page](#).

Starting 2026 with fully funded training to strengthen local organisations

Community Action Suffolk is offering four fully funded training courses designed to

strengthen the capacity of local organisations and build strength for the future. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have supported this training by making use of the Shared Prosperity Fund. Find all the training sessions on the [Community Action Suffolk website](#).

Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan progress overview

Sustainable Suffolk has shared the Suffolk Climate Emergency Plan progress overview, giving an insight into the work done since the plan was published in 2021.

Included within the document is a breakdown of lots of work carried out by partner organisations, which includes our council.

[Visit the Sustainable Suffolk website](#) to find out more, or [read the progress overview document](#).