

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

January 2024

## **[New Year in new homes – council housing boost](#)**

Tenants have picked up the keys to more than 120 new affordable, high-quality council homes across Babergh and Mid Suffolk over the last 12 months.

## **[Councils award funding to provide warm spaces this winter](#)**

31 community projects have received a share of more than £36,000 to help their communities this winter.

## **[Councillors to consider tax premiums for second homes and empty properties](#)**

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are considering higher tax premiums for owners of second homes and long-term empty properties, following the introduction of new government rules.

## **[Parking back on the agenda for Babergh as it seeks to balance books](#)**

A significant budget gap for 2024/25 has forced parking back on the agenda for Babergh District Council. Options for the implementation of new parking tariffs are to be discussed with affected town and parish councils, pending cabinet agreement at a meeting on January 9.

## **[Last chance for parents to claim free tree before January](#)**

Applications for a popular free tree scheme for new parents who welcomed arrivals in 2023, will close on January 10.

## **[£2 million pledged to accelerate climate emergency action in Suffolk](#)**

A further £2million has been pledged by Suffolk Public Sector Leaders to tackle the climate emergency.

## **[Homelessness and rough sleeping strategy open for consultation](#)**

The councils are asking residents and organisations for their view on tackling homelessness and rough sleeping to help shape their future strategy. The consultation runs until January 14.

## **['Building in Babergh? Be a good neighbour'](#)**

Babergh District Council expects developers and commercial builders to follow the 'gold standard' of working practices to protect nearby residents from construction site disruption.

