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Praise for ‘ambitious’ councils from local government peers

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are looking to learn from other authorities to further improve their services to residents. [Find out more](#)

Shaping social housing for the future

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils will consider the future of social housing this month – with a blueprint for quality and sustainable homes in safe neighbourhoods for tenants. [Find out more](#)

Councils’ commercial property arm makes £6m profit in 2021/22

Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s commercial property company CIFCO made a £6m profit last year – generating £3.75m in net income for the councils to plough back into services, according to a report published this week. [Find out more](#)

A rural fleet transformed: Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s HVO journey towards net zero carbon emissions

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, along with their waste collection provider Serco, are leading the way when it comes to transitioning from standard diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), after becoming the first rural councils in the UK to start the switch to the new fuel back in September 2021. [Find out more](#)

Plans to revitalise Hamilton Road Quarter revealed

Ambitious plans to regenerate the area around Hamilton Road, Sudbury, could be taken to the next level if proposals are approved by Babergh District Council cabinet. [Find out more](#)

Plans for employment land in Hadleigh ready for next stage

An initiative to bring new workspaces to Hadleigh will move to the next stage if Babergh District Council agree a proposal for the sale of part of the land for local retail/ roadside uses to fund the wider scheme development. [Find out more](#)

Helping local communities to tackle the climate emergency

A £150,000 fund has been opened to applications from not-for-profit organisations looking to deliver community-based carbon reduction projects in Suffolk. [Find out more](#)

Chance to help shape councils’ final parking strategy

Residents, businesses, and visitors are being invited to have their say on Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s parking strategy for the next 20 years. [Find out more](#)

Councils urge 'joined-up thinking' over energy infrastructure in the east

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling for an urgent government review of the number and scale of 'potentially devastating' energy infrastructure projects for local communities. [Find out more](#)

Changes to Building Regulations

Building Regulations changed on June 15. These amendments have been billed as the biggest changes to building regulations for over 30 years and will have significant impact on those planning building works after this date. [Find out more](#)

Councils say thank you to Suffolk's armed forces

Babergh District Council hosted a free community event in collaboration with Hadleigh Town Council to say 'thank you' to the local military in celebration of Armed Forces Day. [Find out more](#)

Preserving our proud past at HMS Ganges

Babergh District Council representatives were amongst those at a special ceremony at the former HMS Ganges base in Shotley last month, to mark the removal of the historic 143ft ceremonial mast. [Find out more](#)

Innovation Labs launch in Sudbury

A brand new co-working space has opened in Sudbury as part of Babergh District Council's Innovate Local initiative. [Find out more](#)

Babergh Chairman shows appreciation to The Blossom Appeal

Babergh District Council's new chairman Cllr Kathryn Grandon is saying 'thank you' to a Suffolk-based breast care appeal by supporting them during her year in office. [Find out more](#)