

**Councillors' briefing notes for town and parish councils - September 2021**

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Dear councillor,

Please find below a round-up of council activity during August that we hope will assist you in providing any regular update to your towns and parishes.

As you know, you also receive regular councillor updates, as well as all media releases as they are issued. They can also be seen at any point during the month [on our website here](#).

**An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk**

August saw us reach the end of the Government's roadmap out of lockdown, however our work to support the district's recovery continues.

Regular bulletins continue to be produced to give a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk - along with updates on the work being carried out as part of Suffolk's Local Outbreak Control Plan. You can find the bulletins through existing fortnightly updates for councillors, or [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

An update on the vaccine rollout can be found on the [SNEE NHS COVID-19 Vaccination Service website](#).

We continue to play our part in response to the pandemic, alongside public sector colleagues within the Suffolk Resilience Forum, supporting in the event of local outbreaks as well as continuing to offer support to our communities and businesses. Please see the council website for more.

**Statement regarding Afghan refugees**

August also saw the Government announce its new resettlement scheme for Afghan refugees. Whilst the full details are yet to be confirmed, it is clear that the Government needs local authorities everywhere to step up and support this national effort.

You can [read our statement in full here](#) and a [Suffolk County Council webpage](#) has been created in the event of offers of help from your towns and parishes.

## **Babergh and Mid Suffolk join calls for devolution talks with Government**

Together with other public sector leaders in Suffolk, we wrote to the Secretary of State responsible for local government this month, to say we welcome early discussions with Ministers about a possible devolution deal for Suffolk.

[Find out more](#)

## **Local Energy Showcase will champion green businesses**

Businesses and community organisations are being urged to tackle climate change by joining Suffolk's first ever showcase event celebrating sustainability and green energy. Please encourage anyone who may be interested in your towns and parishes to take part.

[Find out more](#)

## **Design blueprint agreed for Chilton Woods**

Details of phase one of Chilton Woods and the development's design code received approval last month – ensuring a high quality, well designed, sustainable new community which meets the needs of residents.

[Find out more](#)

## **Multi million pound investment transforms disused care home into new Hadleigh homes**

Babergh District councillors were on site to celebrate the £3m transformation of a former care home in Hadleigh into high quality social housing.

[Find out more](#)

## **2021 Annual Canvass continues**

To help streamline the annual canvass process we are continuing to encourage residents to update their household details online.

[Find out more](#)

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### **Districts to play crucial role in international cycling event**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk will host the thrilling Sprints and challenging Queen of the Mountains climb in stage six of the Women's Tour.

[Find out more](#)

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### **Summer events planned for residents and visitors**

This summer, high streets and tourist locations across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are preparing a host of events and activities as they welcome residents and visitors back to their high streets and places safely following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

[Find out more](#)