Councillors' briefing notes for town and parish councils

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Budget proposals go before Cabinet
Babergh District Council is considering increasing its element of council tax by 2% this year – to ensure continued investment in residents' quality of life. Read the full story

New Year – New homes
The keys to a new social housing development in Brantham were handed over to Babergh District Council during January. Read the full story

A warmer, energy efficient future secured for residents in low-income homes
Residents in low-income homes across Babergh and Mid Suffolk can look forward to a warmer, more energy efficient future thanks to £1.9m in Government funding. Read the full story

Councils chosen for pilot to ensure neighbourhoods have say on planning
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have been named as part of a pilot scheme to allow residents an easier way to shape and influence development in their area. Read the full story

An update on Covid-19 in Suffolk
Thank you to everyone who has helped to support the Covid-19 response this month, which has seen the Government announce the end of Plan B measures, and the introduction of new Covid financial support for our businesses. In the meantime, we continue to support our NHS colleagues with the local vaccination rollout.

We use our social media channels to keep everyone informed and to share messages from our NHS and public sector partners – including information

on vaccinations and boosters, support and advice for residents to help them protect themselves and others.

We also continue to provide regular bulletins giving a snapshot of the current Covid-19 situation in Suffolk. Find out more [via the Suffolk County Council website](#).

Omicron business grants available to hospitality and leisure businesses

Businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk that have been severely impacted by Omicron can now apply for a one-off grant payment through one of two Covid-19 support grants. [Read the full story](#).