

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

December 2023

Blueprint for districts' development adopted by councils

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have formally adopted their Joint Local Plan - the blueprint for the districts' future development until 2037.

Extra £1.6m set for council home repairs and improvements

Additional funds will help clear backlog of work which mounted during Covid pandemic.

Financial aid for flood-affected properties in Suffolk

Financial support is going out to residents whose properties flooded during Storm Babet.

'Constable Country is not for sale'

Council restates objections to a new row of electricity pylons cutting through the countryside after Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

Call for land to support nature recovery

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling on local landowners to help them increase the districts' tree coverage and improve biodiversity.

£1.4m to tackle criminal exploitation in Suffolk

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have awarded £1.4m in funding to the Safer Stronger Communities Board to tackle criminal exploitation in the county.

Council welcomes funding to help meet swimming pool energy costs

Babergh District Council has been awarded funding to help offset increases costs at Hadleigh Pool & Leisure.

Council submits application for new café and toilet block in Belle Vue Park

Babergh District Council has submitted a planning application for a new modular build café and toilet block in Sudbury's Belle Vue Park – offering visitors modern and fully accessible facilities.

Time to make our listed buildings ready for the future?

Consultation into new measures which would streamline sensitive energy efficiency upgrades.

Councils launch new winter grant to tackle social isolation

The councils have launched a new grant to help communities this winter.

Postal and proxy voting changes

Changes to postal and proxy voting came into force on 31 October 2023, and will apply to all elections in England.