January 2023

Council leaders welcome landmark devolution deal for Suffolk
The leaders of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have welcomed an "ambitious and exciting" devolution deal for Suffolk. More information.

Councils strive to keep charges fair – and help those most in need
Council leaders at Babergh and Mid Suffolk are due to discuss future fees and charges for council services – pledging to keep increases fair and continue to support those in need. More information.

Revealed: winning names for Babergh and Mid Suffolk's new environmentally friendly bin lorries
Ed Sheerbin, Gary Bineker and Stranger Bins are amongst the winning names for Babergh and Mid Suffolk's new environmentally friendly bin lorries, revealed last month. More information.

Pioneering councils complete £2.8m carbon-cutting solar investment to slash leisure centres' reliance on the grid by close to half
Over 100 council car parking spaces in Sudbury and Stowmarket have been covered with solar panels, to help power and reduce carbon emissions at two council-owned leisure centres. More information.

Councils' new tenancy policy recognises 'a home is not just a house'
Council tenants across Babergh and Mid Suffolk can look forward to continuing certainty over their homes with the possible adoption of the councils' new tenancy policy. More information.

Councils' successful bid for housing fund pot
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are amongst local authorities to win funding from the Local Government Association to commission a vital, county-wide housing strategy review. More information.

Christmas holidays full of fun for families and children
Inflatable games, adventure days and cooking classes made up a week of fun for children and young people in Babergh and Mid Suffolk this Christmas. More information.

First tree planted at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket
Today (6 December) saw the first tree planted at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket, to mark the start of the landscaping regeneration at the site. More information.

Stowmarket residents help shape masterplan for new health, leisure, sport, education, and wellbeing hub
Plans for the development of new health, education and leisure facilities in Stowmarket are progressing following the feedback gathered from recent community and stakeholder engagement. More information.

Town and Parish liaison meetings – a reminder
Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are reinstating their regular meetings with town and parish councils, with invitations already issued via clerks.

The next sessions, in early February, will be an opportunity to share current thinking on Babergh and Mid Suffolk budget setting, update on progress with the Joint Local Plan and plans for the 2023 elections.

We would also like to hear about town and parish plans for local Coronation celebrations, and introduce our new locality officers and approach.

The meeting for Babergh is on Wednesday 1 February, 9.30 to 11.30am at Constable Memorial Hall, Gandish Road, East Bergholt. CO7 6TP.

The meeting for Mid Suffolk is on Tuesday 7 February, 1.30 to 3.30pm at The Mix, 127 Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. IP14 1BB.

If you are unable to attend the specific session for your district, you are welcome to attend the alternative date as joint information should still be of interest.

Should you have any queries, or if your clerk has not received an invitation, please contact business support officer Sophie Cummins.