

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

## **Three councils for Suffolk business case submitted to the government**

Plans to transform local services were agreed this week by Suffolk's district and borough councils, as well as cabinet members, and have been submitted to the Government.

## **Council says mayor must belong to us all**

The government should not disadvantage Suffolk by using a voting system in the election of a powerful new regional mayor which may not provide a strong democratic mandate, Mid Suffolk District Council has said.

## **Case for Change plans to revolutionise Suffolk council services published**

Plans to revolutionise council services in Suffolk – delivering real improvements for local communities, saving at least £34m a year, and reinvesting £20m of that money annually into council services – have been published.

## **Council commits £4.8m to create 300 new high school places**

Mid Suffolk District Council has pledged £4.8m to create hundreds of new places at Stowmarket High School.

## **Grant returns to tackle winter loneliness**

A grant aimed at tackling social isolation during the colder months has returned for a third consecutive year thanks to continued funding from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

## **Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils restate objections to pylon project as application submitted**

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have objected to the “considerable and potentially devastating impacts” of National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury project, with pylons proposed to cut through communities and countryside, including some of the districts' most sensitive landscapes.

## **Council will work with community to protect and enhance 62-acre site**

Mid Suffolk District Council has secured a 62-acre site at Thorndon and will now work with the local community to protect and enhance the area.

## **Communities brave the elements to show support for elite cyclists**

Organisers of the Lloyds Tour of Britain thanked communities for braving the elements and turning out in force to support the race through town and villages across our districts.

### **32,000 solar panels and counting for Solar Together Suffolk project**

The successful Solar Together Suffolk scheme is now open for registration for 2025.

### **Unparalleled parking in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have earned 19 Park Mark and Park Access awards for their work improving safety and accessibility in their car parks.

### **More students given opportunity to debate climate issues at COP-style event**

Almost 100 year 8 and 9 students from schools across Babergh and Mid Suffolk will take part in a COP-style event next month

### **Mid Suffolk Sports Infrastructure Grant**

The Mid Suffolk Sports Infrastructure Grant provides funding toward major infrastructure improvements to indoor and outdoor sports facilities outside of Stowmarket. Between £20,000 and £250,000 is available for projects promoting increased uptake in physical activity.

### **VCFSE funding summits**

The Babergh and Mid Suffolk grants and funding team will be hosting a free funding summit on Thursday 6 November at Blackbourne Community Centre, Elmswell, from 9am to 2.30pm. The event will help community organisations access the funding they need and is being delivered in partnership with Suffolk Community Foundation, Community Action Suffolk, Suffolk County Council and the National Lottery Community Fund. Book online: [Conference Booking Form : AideCRM](#)