

# Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

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## **[Mid Suffolk reveals draft budget to deliver new vision](#)**

Tackling climate change and ensuring social justice are at the heart of Mid Suffolk's District Council's budget proposals - while limiting council tax increases for residents, the council's leader has pledged. A proposed council tax rise of 2% in district's share of bill would mean an extra 7p a week for residents.

## **[Plan for 'transformative' £18m Skills and Innovation Centre passes milestone](#)**

Mid Suffolk District Council's plan for an £18m Skills and Innovation Centre in Stowmarket has passed a major milestone – with hopes it will be “transformative” for local business, training and jobs.

## **[Flood-threatened communities get emergency plan support](#)**

Communities at risk of flooding are being helped by Mid Suffolk District Council to better prepare for the future.

## **[Funding available for community action on climate change](#)**

Applications are being invited for The Suffolk Climate Action Community Match Funder. It is available to charities, community interest companies, parish councils, voluntary groups and other not-for-profit organisations, whose projects contribute to [Suffolk's Climate Emergency Plan](#).

## **[£230,000 awarded to community projects across the districts](#)**

Projects across Mid Suffolk and Babergh have received a share of £230,000 in grants and funding as part of the councils' commitment to residents' wellbeing and ensuring communities have access to local community facilities.

## **[Councils award funding to provide warm spaces this winter](#)**

More than 30 community projects in Mid Suffolk and Babergh have each received a share of more than £36,000 to keep residents warm and connected this winter.

## **[New electric bikes arrive at Needham Lake](#)**

Two new electric bikes can now be hired from Needham Lake, helping to encourage sustainable travel.

## **[More Brits overseas can now vote](#)**

British citizens living abroad are now eligible to register to vote in UK general elections, regardless of how long they've been living outside the UK.