

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

June 2024

Upcoming elections and referendums

The next election within our district is on Thursday 4 July. More details about the UK general election, as well as all other elections and referendums being held on the same day, can be found [on the council's website](#).

Councils' commercial property arm continues to outperform market

Babergh and Mid Suffolk's commercial property investment company raised more than £1.26m in net income last year.

Funding boost for Babergh and Mid Suffolk communities

Town and parish councils across Babergh and Mid Suffolk are set to receive more than £1.2m in developer contributions to help community infrastructure keep pace with housing growth.

Councils secure funding to improve swimming pool

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have both been awarded funding to help ease financial pressures and reduce the carbon footprint of the districts' swimming pools.

Mid Suffolk agrees funding to support new Stowmarket Rangers initiative

Mid Suffolk District Council has committed £50,000 towards Stowmarket Town Council's plans for a new rangers service, which will launch in the town later this summer.

Food waste collections for Babergh and Mid Suffolk residents from 2026

Funding to begin food waste collections in Babergh and Mid Suffolk from 2026 has been agreed, as part of a nationwide requirement by central government.

Gateway 14 continues to take shape as £18million agreed for Skills and Innovation Centre

Funding of £18.8m has been agreed to create a Skills & Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket – the latest development there to support business, create jobs, and boost the local economy.

Feel Good Suffolk helps over 2,000 people to improve their health and wellbeing

A service supporting Suffolk residents to make healthier choices has helped over 2,000 people to improve their health since its launch in October 2023.

Capital grant window reopens as £368k awarded in 23/24

Community groups can apply for capital grants once more as Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils highlight some successful projects from the 2023/24 financial year.

Council Chair presents funds to two Thornham Magna charities

Mid Suffolk District Council Chair, Cllr Rowland Warboys presents £1,055 to two charities in Thornham Magna.

Housing issues and Stowmarket regeneration among targets in council's new action plan

Mid Suffolk District Council's leader has outlined plans to address housing issues in the district, regenerate Stowmarket and further combat climate change.

Half term fun for families in Babergh and Mid Suffolk

A healthy selection of half term activities is on offer for children across Babergh and Mid Suffolk as the district councils help to support families during the school break.