

# 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.