



December 2022

### **Council achievements highlighted in new reports**

Millions of pounds of investment, action to combat climate change, and support for thousands of residents and businesses are amongst the achievements captured in two reports published last month.

Titled *'What have we done for you?'*, the reports outline the impact of work carried out by Babergh District Council and Mid Suffolk District Council since the district council elections in 2019. [More information.](#)

### **Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils call for the abuse of councillors to end**

The abuse and intimidation of councillors must end – that's the call from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils amid rising concerns about toxicity in public and political discourse. [More information](#)

### **Shop Local for the 12 days of Christmas to boost the local economy**

People are urged to get behind brilliant small businesses in Babergh and Mid Suffolk this Christmas, with figures showing the huge impact you can have by shopping locally. [More information](#)

### **Waste collection schedule for the Christmas and New Year period**

Christmas and New Year waste collections schedules are now available on our website. Collections will take place as normal up to, and including Friday 23 December, then from Monday 26 Decembers to Saturday 14 January, refuse and recycling collections will be on an amended schedule. [More information.](#)

### **Severe Weather Emergency Protocol activated to support anyone sleeping rough in the districts**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils has its Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEPE) last month, due to the severe weather. [More information](#)

### **Opportunity for greater tenant engagement**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils have approved a new [Tenant Engagement Strategy](#) which will give tenants more opportunity to be involved in decisions about their homes. [More information](#)

### **Measures agreed to protect districts' waterways**

Councillors at both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils voted unanimously last month to support measures to protect local rivers and waterways. [More information](#)

## **More than £1.7million for secondary school expansion leads latest round of CIL funding**

The expansion of Thurston Community College is among the projects benefitting from home developer contributions across Mid Suffolk and Babergh, after councillors approved the latest round of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) bids. [More information](#)

## **CIL parish briefings**

Town and Parish representatives are invited to join district councillors for one of a series of Community Infrastructure Levy briefing sessions during December.

The virtual sessions will be on:

- Tuesday 6 December 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- Thursday 8 December 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- Tuesday 13 December 5:15pm - 6:45pm
- Thursday 15 December 5:15pm - 6:45pm

And will cover the following topics:

- CIL collection – the types of developments that generate CIL
- what constitutes a site commencement
- how Neighbourhood CIL can be spent
- what has been funded through District CIL funding
- building a project funding package through CIL and external sources
- outstanding CIL and debt recovery

All district councillors and town/parish representatives will be invited to attend any one of these sessions. Please look out for your invitation from the CIL team and should you have any queries in the meantime, please contact the team on [cilexpenditure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:cilexpenditure@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk)

## **Suffolk Public Sector Leaders pledge another £913,000 to tackle climate emergency**

Suffolk's ambition to be net-zero by 2030 has been bolstered by an almost £1million pledge for more initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and tackle the effects of climate change. [More information](#)

## **Online climate change awareness course launches for Suffolk**

A free, online course has been launched to coincide with COP27 to support individuals and businesses to learn about the impacts of climate change in Suffolk. [More information](#)

## **Councillors recognise Unsung Hero at Active Suffolk Awards**

Cllrs Mary McLaren and Julie Flatman were honoured to present the Unsung Hero Award at the Active Suffolk Awards last month. [More information](#)

## **Stowmarket residents have their say on town's wayfinding**

Residents, business owners and community groups came together to share their views on the vision for Stowmarket last month. [More information](#)

## **Local residents invited to help shape plans for Elmswell's exemplar housing development**

Elmswell residents were invited to a special drop-in session organised by Mid Suffolk District Council last month to find out more about proposals for an exemplar eco-friendly housing development and help shape future plans for the site. [More information](#)