



DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT 2023-24

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils have been named UK Council of the Year at a prestigious local government awards ceremony!

Retrofit of Council Houses

Mid Suffolk has secured a grant of £800K and will add over £1m of its own money for a retrofit programme for Council houses covering insulation, ventilation, solar panels and double glazing.

Community Development grants

Grants are available for project activities to support local communities and organisations in Mid Suffolk to help with the delivery of local place-based initiatives and activities, where gaps in provision have been identified. Applicants will need to demonstrate they offer a wider community benefit and are fully inclusive. Grants are available up to 100% of project costs to a maximum of £20K.

Homelessness strategy

Full Council adopted the new Homelessness and rough sleeping strategy 2024 and the associated delivery plan. Together with Babergh the councils want to conspire to go beyond the minimum required provision and hope to provide a bespoke person-centred service. More than 1,500 households at risk of homelessness have been helped to keep a roof over their heads by MS&BDC since 2019 with both councils pledging further support.

CIL Expenditure framework

Full Council recommended approval of the amendments proposed to the CIL Expenditure Framework following the sixth review. The main changes included allowing applications for District CIL from sports clubs and community shops and cafes with provisos to ensure that any profit made goes back to the community and allowing more flexibility for community project costs.

Pylons

MSDC has formally objected to National Grid's plans for more electricity pylons between Bramford and Twinstead – saying the impact on the countryside is too great [heritage, farming, environment etc].

Solar Farms proposals

MSDC says a developer must provide more clarity around its plan for any 'normally significant' solar farm in the district.

Upcoming elections

The Police and Crime Commissioner elections will take place on May 2nd, 2024. PCCs aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their police force area. They are elected by the public to hold Chief Constables and the police force to account on their behalf. Tim Passmore is our current PCC and will be standing again for re-election.

There is also a by-election being held in Stowmarket Chilton ward, which is within Mid Suffolk.

I hope the above provides interesting reading, if there are any concerns or enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gilly Morgan', written in a cursive style.

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