

Councillors' briefing notes for town and parish councils



July 2019

Councils approve Joint Local Plan for Consultation

At a Full Council meeting on 25 June, Mid Suffolk Members voted to put the council's Joint Local Plan to the public for consultation. The draft joint Local Plan proposes a set of planning policies that will be used to inform decisions on planning applications and appeals. Key points from the document include an identified housing requirement of 10,008 new homes in Mid Suffolk from 2018 to 2036 – working out at 556 dwellings per year – and prioritising new retail and town centre uses in strategically important towns such as Stowmarket.

The consultation will be launched later this month, with updates posted on the [Joint Local Plan homepage](#).

New Bin Collection Days

The majority of Mid Suffolk District Council's residents will be given a new bin collection day this month as part of plans to future-proof waste and recycling services in the districts. By re-routing the current collection rounds and introducing new ones, the councils will make them more fuel efficient; both reducing the impact on the environment whilst providing the service needed for current and future residents. Your residents will already have begun receiving information about their new collection day, with the new rounds starting next week, 15 July. Read our full [press release online](#).

Women's Tour seeks spectator feedback as Women on Wheels take off

Following the success of the OVO Energy Women's Tour stage one in Suffolk on Monday 10 June, the international cycle race's visit to Suffolk is hoped to inspire more people than ever to get out on their own bikes, with the Women on Wheels Suffolk events being an excellent way for women to take part in mass-participation cycling. The events are aimed at non-cyclists and existing cyclists alike, with routes of an achievable distance open to all ages. Find out more on the [Women on Wheels Suffolk website](#).

Mid Suffolk PCSOs to help deal with complaints across the district

Mid Suffolk District Council is funding two Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), based at Stowmarket Police Station to deal with parking, speeding and low level Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) complaints across the whole of the Mid Suffolk District Council area.

Town and Parish Councils across Mid Suffolk can now refer complaints of parking, speeding and low level ASB to the Mid Suffolk PCSOs using a referral form available from SaferCommunities@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk. The completed form can then be submitted to the same address, who will make a record of the referral and forward to the Sergeant who will task the PCSOs. Referrals should not be sent directly to Suffolk Police Community Engagement Officer or the PCSOs.

Please note this referral process is available to District, Parish and Town Councils in Mid Suffolk only and is **not** for use by the public. However, if a resident or a business in your community has a speeding, Parking or low level Anti-Social Behaviour complaint, you can submit a referral on their behalf. For more information contact SaferCommunities@babberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk

Locality Awards open for 2019 applications

Applications are now open for Councillors' Locality Awards in Mid Suffolk, inviting community groups, charities and organisations to apply for funding for 2019. The programme means that each Mid Suffolk councillor has a £7,350 pot that he or she can use to award to projects or organisations, including community groups and charities, that have a direct impact on Mid Suffolk communities. Read our full press release on our [website](#).

Councils bring democracy online

Mid Suffolk District Council is making their council meetings, which include major decisions such as budgets and major planning applications, accessible to everyone as online livestreaming begins. Several meetings have already been broadcast online, with the videos available both during the meeting and after on the councils' [YouTube channel](#). Plans are in place to broadcast all meetings held in the King Edmund chamber, the agendas and location for which are published ahead of the meetings [online](#).

Sporting Memories project expands across Suffolk

The Sporting Memories Foundation has been awarded £93k from the National Lottery to tackle rural isolation and loneliness in Suffolk. The project is supported by the Most Active County Partnership, Suffolk Community Foundation and Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, with extra groups targeted in these rural areas, initially around Sudbury, Eye, and Woolpit. Individuals, organisations and facility providers who may want to get involved can contact Phil Lown on 07864 614 979 or via email at phil@sportingmemoriesnetwork.com

Meetings

- 10 July – Development Control Committee B
- 18 July – Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- 24 July – Development Control Committee A
- 25 July – Full Council
- 29 July – Joint Audit and Standards Committee
- 2 August – Licensing and Regulatory Committee
- 5 August – Cabinet
- 7 August – Development Control Committee B

For agendas and minutes, please visit the [Democratic Services homepage](#).