

Your briefing notes for town and parish councils



Babergh & Mid Suffolk Councils

[Leader's response to Devolution White Paper](#)

Leader of Mid Suffolk District Council, Cllr Andy Mellen said: "I remain open-minded about reorganisation as long as it is done in the right way and has the interests of our residents at its heart..."

[Statement in response to Government's National Planning Policy Framework announcement](#)

Statement from Cllr Andrew Stringer, Mid Suffolk's portfolio holder for Heritage, Planning and Infrastructure, following today's announcement about the National Planning Policy Framework.

[Council tax freeze proposed in Mid Suffolk](#)

Mid Suffolk District Council proposes to freeze its element of council tax for the upcoming financial year – helping residents to navigate the cost-of-living crisis while continuing investment in priority areas to improve quality of life in the district.

[Full speed ahead for £18m Skills and Innovation Centre](#)

MSDC's plans for £18m Skills and Innovation Centre in Stowmarket have taken a major step forward.

[Mid Suffolk communities set to receive almost £700k in cash boost from developers](#)

Three projects in Mid Suffolk are set to receive a share of £691k from Mid Suffolk District Council, with money collected from developers set to fund new sports facilities, the expansion of a college and keep long-awaited rail improvements on track.

[Suffolk Public Sector Leaders Group endorse the Suffolk Economy Strategy](#)

New strategy aims to propel Suffolk's economic growth and position the county at the forefront of the UK's green evolution

[Ready, steady, grow! - £0.5m boost for sports and wellbeing proposed for Stowmarket](#)

Stowmarket could be about to receive almost £500,000 from developer contributions towards new sports and healthy activity facilities in the town.

Funding from MSDC: Visit our new-look webpage which has all the information you need, including a breakdown of our grants, what they are for, and how you can apply. This includes our new Community Development Grants, and our Pride in Your Place grants. For more details, [visit the website](#).



Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

CIL is funding, generated by new developments, which local organisations can apply for and use to make capital improvements to community facilities.

Suitable for

Charities and organisations such as village halls, parish councils, sports clubs

What's available

Up to £100,000 can be applied for (up to a maximum of 75% of project costs)

When to apply

Bids can be submitted in May and October each year

[Find out more about CIL](#)



Section 106 (S106)

S106 is funding, generated by development, which can be applied for and used toward making capital improvements or repairs to community facilities.

Suitable for

Charities and organisations such as village halls, voluntary and community groups, parish councils, sports clubs

What's available

This will depend on the parish where your project is taking place

When to apply

Open for applications

[Find out more](#)



Community Development Grants

Community Development Grants are available to organisations seeking support towards revenue, capital or pre-project costs or activities

Suitable for

Charities and organisations such as village halls, voluntary and community groups, parish councils, sports clubs

What's available

Up to £20,000 can be applied for

When to apply

Open for applications until 26th January 2025

[Find out more about Community Development Grants](#)