

Regulator publishes findings of councils' housing services inspection

The Regulator of Social Housing has published its findings after an inspection of the housing services provided by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

New one-stop-shop for energy advice launches for Mid Suffolk residents

A new service to help residents access information and support to make their homes warmer, more energy efficient and cheaper to run has hit the road in Mid Suffolk.

Vape shop shut down after discovery of illegal tobacco stash

A shop in Stowmarket has been forced to close for three months after a joint operation discovered illegal and potentially harmful vapes and tobacco – including goods with a street value of almost £16,000 stashed under a concrete floor.

Councils help lowest income families receive the support they need

Targeted support for the districts' lowest income households unlocked almost £300k in unclaimed benefits for families across Babergh and Mid Suffolk last year, new figures have revealed.

New fund launched to transform district's high streets

Businesses across Mid Suffolk can now apply for grants worth up to £10,000 to spruce up shopfronts, improve accessibility and implement energy efficiency upgrades.

Helping communities thrive during winter is key aim of popular grant

The Living Well in Winter grant is now in its fourth year and exists to help local VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) organisations deliver accessible, inclusive spaces and affordable activities during the colder months.

£30k fund helps growing projects take root

Community groups across Mid Suffolk can apply for grants of up to £30,000 to create or expand local food-growing projects thanks to a new funding scheme from Mid Suffolk District Council.

Government update on Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk

Minister Jim McMahon made a statement to the House of Commons this week, providing an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

As you may remember, the original decision to create three new unitary councils in Suffolk was unexpectedly withdrawn by Government last month, meaning local elections in May 2027 go ahead on existing council boundaries.

Government has now completed the first phase of the review and say they are satisfied that the criteria and process for LGR are robust.

We are now expecting a fresh decision to made on the future of local government in Suffolk based on the proposals previously submitted and are ready to respond to any queries, or offer assurances as required regarding the three council case, to ensure the final decision is the best one for the residents of Suffolk.

We expect to hear this decision by March 2027 at the latest.

Shadow elections for the new unitary councils in all areas are then expected to take place in May 2028, ahead of the new councils going live on 1 April 2029.

We will keep you informed of all developments as we hear them.