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Praise for ‘ambitious’ councils from local government peers

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are looking to learn from other authorities to further improve their services to residents. [Find out more](#)

Shaping social housing for the future

Councillors at Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils will consider the future of social housing this month – with a blueprint for quality and sustainable homes in safe neighbourhoods for tenants. [Find out more](#)

Councils’ commercial property arm makes £6m profit in 2021/22

Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s commercial property company CIFCO made a £6m profit last year – generating £3.75m in net income for the councils to plough back into services, according to a report published this week. [Find out more](#)

First occupier confirmed at Gateway 14

Gateway 14 Ltd, wholly owned by Mid Suffolk District Council, has exchanged conditional contracts to develop a distribution unit with home, garden and leisure products retailer The Range. [Find out more](#)

Stowmarket wellbeing and leisure hub to be taken to the next stage

Plans to improve leisure and wellbeing facilities in Stowmarket are set to move forward following agreement from Mid Suffolk District Council to fund the next stage of development. [Find out more](#)

A rural fleet transformed: Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s HVO journey towards net zero carbon emissions

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, along with their waste collection provider Serco, are leading the way when it comes to transitioning from standard diesel to Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO), after becoming the first rural councils in the UK to start the switch to the new fuel back in September 2021. [Find out more](#)

Helping local communities to tackle the climate emergency

A £150,000 fund has been opened to applications from not-for-profit organisations looking to deliver community-based carbon reduction projects in Suffolk. [Find out more](#)

Chance to help shape councils’ final parking strategy

Residents, businesses, and visitors are being invited to have their say on Babergh and Mid Suffolk’s parking strategy for the next 20 years. [Find out more](#)

Councils urge 'joined-up thinking' over energy infrastructure in the east

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling for an urgent government review of the number and scale of 'potentially devastating' energy infrastructure projects for local communities. [Find out more](#)

Changes to Building Regulations

Building Regulations changed on June 15. These amendments have been billed as the biggest changes to building regulations for over 30 years and will have significant impact on those planning building works after this date. [Find out more](#)

New Deputy Leader for Mid Suffolk District Council announced

Cllr Harry Richardson (Con) has been appointed as the new Deputy Leader of Mid Suffolk District Council, with immediate effect. He will also continue to serve as the cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing. [Find out more](#)

Mid Suffolk Chairman shows support for children and teenagers with ASD

A local charity in Stowmarket is set to benefit from a fundraising boost having been selected as the chosen charity by new Mid Suffolk District Council chairman, Cllr James Caston. [Find out more](#)