

District Cllr Report Thurston Ward

Beyton, Norton, Thurston, Tostock, Stowlangtoft

May 2022

MSDC Meeting

The Mid Suffolk District Council AGM was held in May. Conservatives refused an offer to share appointments based on experience and elected their nominated candidates to all chair and deputy chairs except the security committee chair. Mr James Caxton is the new Chair.

Housing Revenue Account

Mid Suffolk District Council tenant satisfaction survey initial results from 300 households have been shared.

77% thought that they were treated fairly.

74% were pleased with house repairs.

69% pleased with the quality of their homes.

53% thought that their views were listened to and acted upon.

51% considered MSDC complaint handling was good.

Our long term Council Housing strategy has been presented. 65 affordable homes should be added each year. An action plan is in place to raise all Environmental Performance Certificates of our housing stock to at least a C level by 2030 by investing £14.5 million on improving energy efficiency.

MSDC ring fenced CIL

Met with local Doctors exploring the potential to provide a Surgery in Thurston. Unfortunately, even if an appropriate location was available, they are not able to staff it because of a shortage of GPs.

Thurston Community College is restarting co-ordination meeting and has offered to cooperate with the Thurston Library project.

Planning

Raised an enforcement enquire reference Barrells Road development fencing.

Ukrainian support

MSDC constituents have welcomed 95 Ukrainians.

Lower Tier Local Authority	Number of Visa applications	Number of Visas issued	Number of arrivals in the UK by sponsor location
Babergh	127	104	57
East Suffolk	280	249	108
Ipswich	81	65	35
Mid Suffolk	200	165	95
West Suffolk	284	236	134

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