

Councillors Report September 2026

Council on track to deliver pitch perfect response to sports needs

Work by Mid Suffolk District Council to create a brand new, state of the art 3G community football pitch and mini athletics track was completed last week built in the grounds of Stowmarket High School and will be available to book outside school hours for community use.

'Crucial step' as key handover marks completion of 67 affordable homes

All 67 affordable homes at Bellway's Bramford development have now been handed over to Mid Suffolk District Council after councillors picked up the keys to the final two properties, boosting the availability of much-needed high-quality affordable housing in the district.

Council steps in to tackle issues at derelict site

Mid Suffolk District Council has stepped in to install CCTV to deter anti-social behaviour at the derelict Fisons site in Bramford – but says the owners should do more.

Questions remain unanswered – councils repeat objection to pylons project

In a closing statement to National Grid's Norwich to Tilbury examination, Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have restated their objection and again called for the plan to be halted – with questions remaining unanswered over the devastating impact of the scheme for local communities, businesses, environment, heritage and landscape.

Electric bikes for hire in Stowmarket

A new solar-powered pod containing two electric bikes has been installed at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, giving residents the chance to explore the town using a different, sustainable travel option.

Suffolk residents can get a free proposal to replace ageing heating systems with heat pumps

All of Suffolk's public sector organisations have come together to help residents in Suffolk replace ageing gas, oil or LPG boilers with a heat pump combining a £7,500 or £9,000 government grant, depending on current heating fuel, with group-buying savings on installation.

Councils' armed forces commitment recognised with silver award

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have received a silver award for their ongoing commitment to the armed forces community.

Councils' 'excellent' commitment to gender equality recognised

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have been officially recognised as Menopause Friendly employers – raising awareness and supporting those experiencing the symptoms of menopause.

Locality award funding.

Over the summer locality areas have been reconfigured. Simmon Lanning will no longer deal with applications. Sarah Woodcock will be our new contact.

Approximately £2500 each of funding remains to be awarded by the deadline for applications submissions being the 22nd of January 2027 with the 29th of January the final date for payments to be processed.

Abnormal Indivisible Loads (AIL)

From 14th September to the end of October up to 2 AIL movement for the Bramford to Twinstead Project will take place each day (Monday to Thursday). AILs are slow moving with a police escort and may cause traffic delays. Routing is from the port of Felixstowe on the A14 to Copdock Interchange, then A12 to junction J28 and onto A134 to the main construction compound on the A1314 via Urbis Romanae. The project involves building approximately 18km of overhead 440kv line, 11km underground, and removing approximately 27km of existing 132kv lines.

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