

## District Councillors' Report – July 2024

General Election 4 <sup>th</sup> July	<p>The parliamentary general election will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Due to the pre-election period, Cabinet and Council meetings at Mid Suffolk have been postponed until after the election.</p> <p>A reminder that valid photo identification is required to vote. For further details see <a href="http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk">www.electoralcommission.org.uk</a></p>
Council meeting	<p>The re-scheduled Council meeting will be on 25<sup>th</sup> July. Items for discussion and approval include the potential adoption of a local listed building consent order and local development order. If approved this will potentially enable owners of listed buildings to apply specific energy efficiency measures to their homes without onerous planning requirements.</p>
Cabinet meeting	<p>The re-scheduled Cabinet meeting will be on 15<sup>th</sup> July with a long agenda. Items for discussion and approval include a proposal to support residents in need, a new social value policy and a regeneration initiative for Stowmarket town centre. This is in addition to other matters as well as agreeing the response to the statutory consultation for the Norwich to Tilbury National Strategic Infrastructure Project (NSIP).</p>
Economic Lands needs assessment report	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk have now published an Economic Land Needs Assessment document. This shows the future employment land requirements in the Districts to support the identified growth for 2023 to 2037, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance. The document can be viewed at <a href="http://babergh-and-mid-suffolk-economic-land-needs-assessment-report-june-2024">babergh-and-mid-suffolk-economic-land-needs-assessment-report-june-2024</a>.</p>
Student event	<p>Babergh and Mid Suffolk are putting on an event in July for sixth formers to find out about careers in local government and how councils are structured. This is part of the Councils' local democracy project.</p>
Locality Awards 2024/25	<p>Applications for this year's Locality Awards grants are now open, but due to the General Election we cannot consider any applications until after 4th July <a href="https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/locality-awards">https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/web/mid-suffolk/w/locality-awards</a></p>

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