

District Councillor Report: Framsdon

September 11th 2025

Council Meeting	There was no scheduled full council meeting held last month. The next meeting will take place on the 25 th September.
Published plans on three unitaries	The council released draft proposals on its proposed 3-unitary model which forms 'Western', Eastern' and 'Ipswich and Southern' councils. A full website on the 3-unitary model, including the proposed map effecting these changes, is available here: Welcome – Three Councils For Suffolk . It is important to remember that the decision will be made by Government minister, not locally.
Introduction of new electrical recycling banks	12 new electrical recycling banks (6 in Mid Suffolk, and 6 in Babergh) have been installed across the two districts. This is part of a new scheme of just under £800k to help reduce e-waste across the district. More information about where these banks are can be found on MSDC's website Twelve new electrical recycling bins for Babergh and Mid Suffolk - Mid Suffolk District Council - babergh.gov.uk / midsuffolk.gov.uk
Crowfield Rose	150+ people attended a public meeting held by Crowfield Parish Council on 18/8 to discuss the planning application for a traveller's site behind the pub. It was attended by the planning case officer, the enforcement officer for the site, myself and Cllr Teresa Davies from Debenham. I joined the enforcement officer on a site visit on the 21 st , and he made another visit on 1/9 while I was on holiday.
Stowmarket Health, Education and Leisure Facility (SHELF)	Full Council and Cabinet have agreed to fund Phase 2 work with £5.2M. This will include building the new sports pavilion (which already has planning permission) and improving parking at Chilton Fields.
Food Museum	Council has agreed to underwrite a funding gap for the Museum Branching out programme. This will include a number of capital projects aimed at increasing visitor numbers, better inclusion for all people,, protecting the environment and heritage as well as becoming more financially sustainable.
CIL Funding	Mid Suffolk cabinet members have agreed to invest £4.8M from its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) into the expansion of Stowmarket High School. It was agreed in the meeting, along with funds for a new play area in Thorndon and replacing play equipment in Coddendam. The balance of the total cost will be met from Section 106 from Section 106 funds, and from Suffolk County Council.
Rural Business Fund grant	Over £415k has been allocated for grants to support rural businesses across Mid Suffolk and Babergh. This can go towards projects which contribute to farm diversification, improved rural sustainability over the long term or to Net Zero.