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### Blueprint for districts' development adopted by councils

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have formally adopted their Joint Local Plan - the blueprint for the districts' future development until 2037.

### Extra £1.6m set for council home repairs and improvements

Additional funds will help clear backlog of work which mounted during Covid pandemic.

#### Financial aid for flood-affected properties in Suffolk

Financial support is going out to residents whose properties flooded during Storm Babet.

#### 'Constable Country is not for sale'

Council restates objections to a new row of electricity pylons cutting through the countryside after Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

#### Call for land to support nature recovery

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are calling on local landowners to help them increase the districts' tree coverage and improve biodiversity.

#### £1.4m to tackle criminal exploitation in Suffolk

Suffolk Public Sector Leaders have awarded £1.4m in funding to the Safer Stronger Communities Board to tackle criminal exploitation in the county.

### Council welcomes funding to help meet swimming pool energy costs

Babergh District Council has been awarded funding to help offset increases costs at Hadleigh Pool & Leisure.

#### Council submits application for new café and toilet block in Belle Vue Park

Babergh District Council has submitted a planning application for a new modular build café and toilet block in Sudbury's Belle Vue Park – offering visitors modern and fully accessible facilities.

# Time to make our listed buildings ready for the future?

Consultation into new measures which would streamline sensitive energy efficiency upgrades.

# Councils launch new winter grant to tackle social isolation

The councils have launched a new grant to help communities this winter.

## Postal and proxy voting changes

Changes to postal and proxy voting came into force on 31 October 2023, and will apply to all elections in England.