

District Cllr Report Needham Ward

Badley ; Baylham ; Creting St Mary ; Creting St Peter ; Darmsden ; Needham Market

July 2023

People and Place Plans update

The People and Place Plan (PPP) forms part of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill which is due a third reading in Parliament before the summer recess. Further details should emerge regarding the statutory weighting of the document, the level of evidence required and how the scheme may be funded. MSDC is one of six councils in England that won a bid to trial the new scheme to help Local Authorities and communities develop a more community-led approach to planning.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Babergh and Mid Suffolk have been awarded a £300k grant from the Office for Zero Emissions Vehicles to install 28 new 22kW EV charging points in several carparks including most of the council-owned carparks in Stowmarket.

Police and Crime Panel

The panel is a county wide body which scrutinises the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner. They usually meet quarterly and members of the public are welcome to attend and can ask questions relevant to an agenda item. The next meeting is to be held on Friday 14th July; the agenda will be published 10 days before hand and any public questions need to be lodged by midnight on Tues 11th July.

District Council Meetings in Mid Suffolk

MSDC's full council meetings, normally held at Endeavour House offices in Ipswich, will now be held in the district where possible. The venue of our next full council meeting on 19th July is the Blackbourne Community Centre in Elmswell.

Community Grants available in Mid Suffolk

Capital Grants – these are aimed at assisting community groups in making improvements and repairs to village halls, play areas, sports clubs, recreational facilities and other social infrastructure. They can cover to up to 100% of total project costs to a maximum grant of £10,000. Capital Grants are open for applications from the 1st April 2023 to 2nd June 2023.

Community Development Grants – provides financial support to help with the delivery of local place-based initiatives and activities, where gaps in provision have been identified. The grants is available towards either revenue (ongoing) or capital (new or one-off) projects. It can cover up to 100% of project costs to a maximum of £20,000. Applications are open for applications from the 1st April 2023 to 23rd June 2023.

Councillors Locality Award – the award will be open for applications towards the end of May 2023.

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