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Polling District Review Underway

Residents are invited to take part in our review of polling districts, places and stations. Local authorities are required to review their parliamentary polling districts and polling places every four years, and this review is also taking into account the changes to Mid Suffolk's ward boundaries made by the Local Government Boundary Commission.

Arrangements for Palgrave are unchanged but the Returning Officer considers that electorate of Thrandeston is too small to justify continued use of dedicated polling station and should be combined with Palgrave.

The review ends on 31 December 2018 and residents can take part online. Find out more on our <u>website</u>

• Cabinet Supports Funding PCSOs in District

Mid Suffolk's Cabinet has voted to approve funding of £149,200 across two years to fund two Police Community Support Officers in the district. This extra resource will help deal with ongoing concerns from Town and Parish Councils, local businesses and residents, including anti-social behaviour, speeding and parking infringements. These PCSOs will be in addition to the existing core Police Community Support Officer capacity funded by Suffolk Police. Read the full Cabinet Report <u>online</u>. The Cabinet was assured that these funded PCSOs will be deployed across the whole district and that regular 'where, when and what for' reports will be submitted.

• Two more neighbourhood plans move to Referendum stage

Having recently completed the Examination stage of the process the neighbourhood plans for Stradbroke and Debenham have been approved to pass to the final Referendum stage, subject to the parish councils making the amendments identified by the Inspector. A simple majority of the turnout will determine whether or not the plans will move to adoption.