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### **Help shape our priorities for the next four years**

Now both administrations have set out their initial vision and priorities for the next four years, it's time for our communities to tell us what they think...

We are embarking on a major engagement exercise with residents, communities, businesses, stakeholders and partners – so they can tell us whether they think we are focusing on the right issues.

Feedback will be sought in a range of ways, both online through a survey and in person workshops. This will then help shape our priorities and our refreshed Corporate Plan. We will promote any consultation through all our usual channels and would be grateful for the support of our town and parish council colleagues in helping to spread the word. [Find out more](#)

### **Blueprint for districts' development 'sound'**

Planning Inspectors have delivered their verdict on Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's Joint Local Plan – the blueprint for the districts' future development until 2037, providing clarity for communities and developers. [Find out more](#)

### **Councils bring organisations and residents together to inspire climate action**

Residents can find out more about the climate action they can take within their communities at a series of community roadshow events. [Find out more](#)

### **Developers provide cash boost for community projects**

More than £705,000 collected from developers in Babergh and Mid Suffolk is set to be injected back into communities – funding projects including play areas, cycle paths and village hall improvements. [Find out more](#)

### **Councils help to tackle loneliness for older residents**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils are joining forces with local groups to help tackle loneliness for older residents, by bringing generations together for free sing-alongs, games and fun. [Find out more](#)

### **Councils introduce new project to improve wellbeing of young people**

Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils have introduced a new scheme to improve the wellbeing of young people in schools and connect them with their communities. [Find out more](#)

### **Councils join forces with Jobcentre Plus**

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have launched a new partnership with Jobcentre Plus to bolster the local economy with a series of recruitment fairs. [Find out more](#)

### **£50,000 awarded to help improve mental wellbeing**

Mid Suffolk District Council has responded to a county-wide survey which identified Stowmarket and surrounding areas as an 'emotional and physical needs hotspot' by awarding £50,000 to local projects supporting residents' wellbeing. [Find out more](#)

### **Pets as prizes banned in Babergh and Mid Suffolk**

The giving of live animals as prizes will be banned on land owned by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. [Find out more](#)