Report from you District Councillor, December 2023

There was a MSDC meeting on the 20th od November. Below a few items to report.

* The Joint Local Development Scheme, Joint Local Development Plan, (part of the Scheme) part one, was adopted without any dissent. It had taken years of hard work on part of all Officers and Parties involved. It will be reviewed every five years. The Document as a whole will apply until 2037.

Amongst other features of note is an update re rules applying to live stock and poultry farming.

JLP part two, will take about two more years to take effect, after consultations and so forth.

Robert Hobbs, Corporate Manager, has a substantial role in the development of the documents as per above.

* ‘Cosy Homes’ plan was agreed, cross party. The intention is to provide financial aid to some of all the people who need to improve the insulation of their homes. Criteria include an EPC rating below C, an annual income below £ 40 000 and tax bands of no more than D.

Search under Mid Suffolk Cosy Homes for more information.

For money to cover flood damage, visit the County Council web site.

* The neighbourhood plans continue their important roles and need to be updated as before.
* There is a ‘rough sleeper outreach team’, to contact this team [www.streetlink.og.uk](http://www.streetlink.og.uk) can be used. Anyone who spots a person in potential need may use this link.
* There is also a a possibility for anyone in need of help to provide food or heating to contact Mid Suffolk District Council, headline ‘I need help’.
* Finally, but not least, there are new rules regarding Postal and Proxy voting. They apply from the 31st of October this year for all elections in England.

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