



County Council Report for Walsham Parish Council

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Proposed Changes to Citizens Advice (CAB) Grant Funding – Following collaboration between Suffolk County Council, NHS Ipswich and Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups, a shortfall resulting from the County's budget setting for 2019/2020 will be made up by the Health Services. SCC proposes to reduce funding to CAB Suffolk by 50% (£187k) in 2019/20. Therefore CAB funding from the combined SCC/ CCGs source will remain the same as previous at £374k. (The CAB receives funding from other sources as well, including Districts and Boroughs.)

County Council Budget – This will be debated and set at the County Council meeting on Thursday 14th February. General Council Tax would increase by 2.99% and the Adult Social Care Precept rise by 1% both of which utilise the maximum amounts allowable under current rules without referendum

Three Bridges Project, Ipswich - On 29 January, SCC's Cabinet agreed that the road bridge section of the Upper Orwell Crossings is not deliverable due to escalating costs but reconfirmed its commitment to regeneration of Ipswich's Waterfront. Instead the Council and its partners are looking at ways to deliver crossings B and C in the Waterfront area.

Great East Run Entries Open - The 2019 event opened for entry on 7 January. It will take place on Sunday 22 September 2019 and is expected to sell out quickly with over 2,000 people already registered. The run will follow the same route that it took in 2018, starting on Russell Road between Suffolk County Council and Ipswich Borough Council offices and finish at the Ipswich Town Football Club stadium. Full details www.greatrun.org/great-east-run



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Great Run Local in Walsham-le-Willows - The Great Run launched on Sunday 3rd February. This offers 2k or 5k runs every week for runners of all ages and abilities. Start at 9am every Sunday at Walsham Sports Club, Summer Road. Match funded grants of £1,750 were awarded by Mid Suffolk and Suffolk County Council.

Online Tax and Account Portal - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District and Ipswich Borough Councils, have launched MyAccount, an online portal which provides residents and businesses with paperless bills, 24-hour account access to Council Tax, Housing Benefit and/ or Business Rates information. Sign up to MyAccount via the council's websites as follows:

Business Rates: Midsuffolk.gov.uk/ndraccount Council Tax: Midsuffolk.gov.uk/ctaccount

CIL and Section 106 Accounts –Mid Suffolk and Babergh have completed a Developer Contribution Database ([Exacom database](#)) – giving public access to figures for developer contributions towards infrastructure back to 1974. The database has been nominated for the Royal Town Planning Institute's (RTPI) Awards for Planning Excellence. This can be accessed on:

- <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communities/grants-and-funding/> or
- <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/community-infrastructure-levy-and-section-106/> and then select "Developer Contributions Database"

Parking – A new Parking Plan for Mid Suffolk and Babergh will go out to public consultation shortly. The plan will set out key parking policy objectives and will be subject to a six-week consultation, this is necessary as Suffolk Police will hand over legal powers and responsibility for civil parking enforcement to local authorities later this year.

Reminder - Consultation on Draft Communities Strategy - Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils' consultation closes on Friday 1 March 2019. The strategy is expected to be adopted by both councils in March 2019. Refer to: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/communitiesstrategy>

May Elections – Register to vote before 12th April, or locate other details on [full webpage](#).

Council Tax – the draft General Fund Budget for 2019/20 includes an increase in to Council Tax of 2%, or £3.26 per annum for a Band D property. This will come before the 21st February Council Meeting for approval.

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