

PAUL CLOVER, DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR LAVENHAM PARISH
MEETING 14TH DECEMBER 2023.

Joint Local Plan

The Joint Local Plan Part 1 has now been published and will provide new guidance/regulation on Housing, the Economy and the Environment. It will be subject to further updates going forward.

Council House Improvements

Babergh have released £943,000 to expedite the desperately needed Council House Improvements and ease the serious delays in wait times that the district is experiencing.

Local Listed Building Consent Orders (LLBCO)

Babergh are currently running a consultation on heritage building energy efficiency policy/ies. It has been agreed that the consultation will, amongst other things, help to determine any conditions for LLBCO'S so that certain types of work can be pre-approved and not require individual applications. The consultations aim to understand what listed building owners and residents think. Consultation closes 29th December 2023.

Winter Grant for Social Isolation

A new 'Living Well in Winter' grant has been set up to help local voluntary, faith, community and social enterprise organisations to help tackle social isolation and address the choice for some residents to heat or eat this winter. Groups can apply for £500-£2000 and need to be submitted by Sunday 17th December 2023.

Meadow Close Play Area

Our understanding is that works on the play equipment in Meadows Close should commence in January.

Postal Vote ID

Postal vote applications now require a National Insurance Number as a form of ID. Postal votes require a renewal after three years. Please see <https://www.gov.uk/applu-postal-vote>