

PAUL CLOVER/MARGARET MAYBURY DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR'S REPORT FOR LAVENHAM PARISH
COUNCIL MEETING 4TH JUNE 2026.

Fire 31-35 Spring Street

We were very sorry to learn of the fire in Spring Street and relieved that no one was seriously hurt. We understand affected residents are safely accommodated with family and friends. Residents welfare is being monitored and where necessary ongoing support will be provided. Longer term Housing options are being explored including: temporary accommodation, return to property subject to works and permanent rehousing options. One property was unstable following the fire. Indicative repair times are 3-4 months for the most severely affected property. 2.5 months for the adjoining property. 2-3 weeks for the smoke affected property. These timelines are once works commence following agreement with the loss adjuster.

Better Recycling

Better recycling commences this week with black bin collection and separate food waste caddy which will be a weekly collection. The following week it will be paper and card in the green lidded bin and on the third week all plastics, tetra pak, glass, metal cans, aerosols and tin foil items.

LGR latest

An LGR Implementation Board has been set up for all Suffolk Councils to jointly lead the change through to vesting day on 1st April 2028. Three Joint Committees (one for each Unitary Authority) have been set up to work alongside the Implementation Board to aid transition. The joint committees will then hand over to the new unitary councillors elected in May 2027. A new website titled Future Suffolk has full details.

Suffolk Community Awards

Nominations are now open for any individual or group who has made a real difference to community life in 2026. To do so visit the Suffolk Community Awards website.

Cost of living – heating oil campaign

Low income households who use heating oil are being contacted to advise them of the support available to residents including the Crisis and Resilience Fund.

Suffolk Day

On Sunday 21st June this year's Suffolk Day celebrations will be held in Bury St Edmunds with a day of food, heritage and music events taking place at multiple sites across the City.