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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council meeting 25th September 2018.

The treasury Management Report for the 2017/18 year was presented.

A new strategic property and land investment fund was discussed, proposing a fund of up to £3m.

I would like to remind you that full reports from past Council and Cabinet Meetings, can be found online at:

Babergh: <http://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=521&MId=1017>

Mid Suffolk: <http://baberghmidsuffolk.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=522&MId=1029>

NEW OFFICER

Babergh have appointed Marc Cole to the role of Interim AD - Economic Development & Regeneration, with a start date of Tuesday the 16th October.

HAMILTON ROAD - SUDBURY

Babergh District Council and Sudbury town council have given the go-ahead to re-develop the Hamilton road area (bus station).

Following engagement work over the past two years, potential investors and councils have been provided full information on how the Hamilton Road Quarter could be developed – including a cinema and mixed use option, a retail/leisure led option and a commercial led option – The cabinet have agreed the re-development providing a major boost to the area.

BELLE VUE – SUDBURY

Work has started on a new Multi-Use Games Area and skate park in Belle Vue Park, Sudbury.

The first phase will concentrate on the new games area, providing an enclosed tarmac surface for park users to play games such as Five-a-Side Football and Basketball. After this is complete in early October, work will continue on the new skate/BMX park, replacing the previous skate park with an up to date facility consisting of a sprayed concrete flow-style skate/BMX park. Facilities will be opened to the public following completion of the skate/BMX park later this year.

The work comes after a long period of planning and community engagement, which saw Babergh District Council work with the Town Council, community groups and skate park users to identify the right facilities for Belle Vue Park.

INFRASTRUCTURE BOOST

In April this year, both councils voted to approve a new scheme that would use the funds collected from property developers under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to invest in infrastructure projects that benefit communities in Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Babergh District Council approved three bids in Cockfield totalling £75,000. This will see the provision of recreation land and a shelter, together with improvements to the village hall (including a refurbished kitchen and a dedicated electric supply). Lindsey Village Hall will also get an electric vehicle charging point.

LAVENHAM CHILDRENS BOOK FESTIVAL

This year's Children's book festival will be held in Lavenham Saturday 20th October – Sunday 21st October 2018

LAVENHAM TIC

You may have seen in the paper the fantastic news that the Parish Council's request to buy and take over the Tourist Information Centre has been accepted. This is a very positive step for Lavenham to keep this useful asset open, and I hope that the village will give it plenty of support.