

District Council Report for Battisford and Ringshall Ward

Including Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett, Ringshall, Offton and Willisham

July and August 2024

Resumption of District Council and Cabinet Meetings

Council and Cabinet meetings were rescheduled during the pre-general election period. Items for discussion and approval include the potential adoption of a local listed building consent order and local development order which would enable owners of listed buildings to apply specific energy efficiency measures to their homes without heavy planning requirements.

National Grid Statutory Consultation on the Norwich to Tilbury Overhead Line Project

MSDC Cabinet will debate a response to the consultation. The key points include objections regarding the significant negative landscape and visual impact at both construction and operational stages, a requirement for more use of undergrounding or re-routing, and a substantial funded landscape compensation scheme as opposed to 'community benefits'.

Economic Land Needs Assessment

Mid Suffolk have now published an Economic Land Needs Assessment document. This shows the future employment land requirements in the district to support the identified growth for 2023 to 2037, in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance.

Food Waste collections from 2026

Funding to begin food waste collections in Mid Suffolk has been agreed. The service will launch in 2026 as part of a national requirement from central government. The plan will be for every household to receive a new 23-litre food waste bin, as well as a smaller 5-litre caddy for use in the kitchen. The food waste will be collected on a weekly basis.

Gateway 14

Funding of £18.8m has been agreed to create a Skills and Innovation Centre at Gateway 14 in Stowmarket to support business, create green-sector jobs, and boost the local economy. The Cabinet will also be discussing a proposal to invest up to £1.5 million of the Gateway 14 dividend in Stowmarket's high street and town centre area.

Student Event

As part of our local Democracy Project, MSDC are hosting an event in July for sixth-formers to discover careers in local government and learn how councils are structured.

Councillor's Locality Budget

Applications for this year's Locality Awards grants are once again open after being paused during the pre-election period. Please get in touch for further information.

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