

District Councillor Report Battisford and Ringshall Ward

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

Submitted by Councillor Daniel Pratt for September 2019

Draft Joint Local Plan

The Draft Joint Local Plan consultation period ends at 4.00 pm on 30th September. A further programme of public consultation events have now been arranged. Local ones include Needham Market Community Centre on 12th September 3.30 - 6.30 pm and The Mix in Stowmarket 19th September 12.30 - 4.30 pm. More details about the Joint Local Plan can be found on the MSDC website. Paper copies of the draft document are available at all the local Libraries.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Government has abolished the CIL 123 list regulation and replaced it with new CIL regulations which come into force from 1st September. MSDC is adopting a new position statement to comply with the new regulations, but there is practically no difference from the 123 list. There were only 2 valid bids received for CIL funding in the May 2019 bid round, and both of these bids are to be endorsed by Cabinet this week.

Performance monitoring

The Quarter 1 performance report has been published as part of the Cabinet papers. Planning applications determined within deadlines has improved. One of the major areas of concern is the BMBS performance where there are several overdue jobs which the team are working hard to complete which affect the % of jobs completed in the agreed timescale. Performance management is taking place to enhance service delivery.

Waste collection

It has become apparent that there were more issues with the new Waste Collection rounds which were introduced in July. Hopefully things will settle down again now, once the crews have found all the properties they need to collect from. If there are any further cases of missed bins, please get in touch with us. Information about what to put in your recycling bin can be found on the MSDC website here: <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Waste-Services-Bins/Documents/guide-to-recycling-2019.pdf>

Active schools

A new Active Schools programme has been launched at two schools in Babergh and Mid Suffolk, aiming to increase physical activity in primary schools and combat rising childhood obesity.

Locality budget

I have received some bids for locality funding. Please could any group wishing to apply for funding get in touch. The application deadline is December, but it would be helpful if we received all bids by the beginning of November.

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