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Current COVID -19 Information 9/11/2020	<p>1. <u>Shielding and Clinically Extremely Vulnerable</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Not returning to shielding as we knew it previously. ● Govt. are writing to all Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people by end of this week to provide them with guidance. This will include advice to avoid visiting shops and pharmacies. ● People who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable shouldn't leave their homes to go to work, even if they are in a job where this is permitted. ● No Govt. support and intervention this time – all down to local areas. ● Home But Not Alone number and underpinning services stood back up on Wednesday. 0800 876 6926. The phonelines are open from 9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri. ● Redeploying officers from across the councils to respond to referrals from HBNA – want to spread the load like before, so not just down to Communities Officers. ● Communities Team have been in contact with key community groups in the Districts – more this week, but have been re-engaging over the past couple of weeks, having seen the rising tide nationally.
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Numbers in temporary accommodation still remain high from the first wave. ● Taken 22 rooms at the Cedars for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk. ● 6 flats at Elmswell being converted to temporary accommodation for both Babergh and Mid Suffolk. ● No extension to evictions ban at present
Help for those Isolating	<p>Mid Suffolk is administering the £500 compensation payment for those who have had to isolate due to Track and Trace. To date they have allocated £33,000.</p> <p>Separately, Government has provided £40,000 to the district council to use on compliance issues relating to Covid 19 such as environmental health or the need for Covid Marshalls in Stowmarket.</p> <p>We await details of support that might come from Government to help the Council through the new lockdown period.</p>
Culture Recovery Fund	<p>Mid Suffolk supported two successful bids for this - £92,000 for the Museum of East Anglian Life and £84,000 for the John Peel Centre.</p>
Services	<p>1. <u>Some key changes since last lockdown</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Waste and recycling centres will remain open. b. Outdoor play grounds will remain open. c. Public toilets will remain open. d. Trades people can go into other people's homes, not just to respond to emergencies (as per guidance at present). <p>2. <u>Closure of Services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. All leisure Services with effect from 5th November. <p>3. <u>All other services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Will continue to operate largely as they have been over recent months either virtually or with strict social distancing in place.
Joint Local Plan	<p>Approved at full council meeting 11/11/2020 go for final public consultation – Full details and how to respond to the consultation process which ends on 24th December can be found here: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/ Supplementary Planning Documents to Come (SPD's)</p>
Changes to CIL Expenditure Framework (to be approved alongside JLP)	<p>The CIL Regulations also brought in another new provision on the 1st September 2019 which requires each Council to produce and publish (on the Councils web site) an Annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) by the 31st December 2020. The IFS for each Council is being presented to both Council Cabinets on the 9th and 12th November 2020. The IFS for each Council is different but contains:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection and expenditure of monies under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), • Collection and expenditure of monies through s106 Obligations from developers, • CIL monies that are paid to and spent by Parishes under Neighbourhood CIL (through annual returns made to both Councils by the Parishes) • A list of Infrastructure projects which the Council is supporting financially together with Infrastructure projects which are expected to come forward (to support growth in the future which

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	are largely taken from the current iteration of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP). This List will be known as the "Infrastructure List" for both Councils																											
Business Grants from Nov 2020	<p><u>Business Grants for closed business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants worth up to £3,000 per month for businesses premises forced to close. • Funding will be provided to billing authorities to administer. <p><u>Additional Restrictions Grant for Businesses (ARG) – Discretionary element</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributed to councils on the basis of a formula of £20 per head of population to enable councils to support businesses more broadly. • Further details and criteria on this scheme are still to be confirmed by Govt. and we believe this will include businesses allowed to stay open in lockdown but suffering additional hardship. • Local Authorities can use this at their discretion in financial years 20/21 (and in 21/22 for programmes started in 20/21). <p>Further information: https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/features/support-available-for-businesses-in-babergh-and-mid-suffolk</p>																											
Design Guide	<p>B&MSDC working with Norse Group. The underlying purpose of the Design Guide is to define the quality standards of new development, at all scales, and to create well-designed and well-built places that benefit people and communities.</p> <p>The Design , will consider present day design expectations but also the Councils corporate and strategic objectives over years to come.</p> <p>It will apply to the Joint Councils' own properties but may well influence other developers as it is hoped to be exemplar work.</p>																											
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Council Meeting 26/11/2020	<p>The council voted to: permanently adopts e-voting as its primary method of voting in all meetings and that a record of all votes cast at meetings of the Full Council, Cabinet and Committees be published on the Council's website with immediate effect.</p> <p>Also a new ICT Strategy was adopted with the following key principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People, if ICT doesn't take account of people or support them, look at their processes and understand them, we are not going to implement technology that works for them. • Data, Data is potentially one of our most overlooked assets which can evidence both the need for, and the result of organisational change, as well as supporting staff to deliver services and make quick decisions. ICT can look to surface data in a way that is easily accessible and meaningful • Technology, accuracy, the exploitation of appropriate new technologies, resources to be aligned with needs • Processes, in particular automation of repetitive tasks, the acceleration of service fulfillment for residents, and the focus on value added tasks. 																											

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