

Regulator publishes findings of councils' housing services inspection

The Regulator of Social Housing has published its findings after an inspection of the housing services provided by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

Councils help lowest income families receive the support they need

Targeted support for the districts' lowest income households unlocked almost £300k in unclaimed benefits for families across Babergh and Mid Suffolk last year, new figures have revealed.

Government update on Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk

Minister Jim McMahon made a statement to the House of Commons this week, providing an update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

As you may remember, the original decision to create three new unitary councils in Suffolk was unexpectedly withdrawn by Government last month, meaning local elections in May 2027 go ahead on existing council boundaries.

Government has now completed the first phase of the review and say they are satisfied that the criteria and process for LGR are robust.

We are now expecting a fresh decision to made on the future of local government in Suffolk based on the proposals previously submitted and are ready to respond to any queries, or offer assurances as required regarding the three council case, to ensure the final decision is the best one for the residents of Suffolk.

We expect to hear this decision by March 2027 at the latest.

Shadow elections for the new unitary councils in all areas are then expected to take place in May 2028, ahead of the new councils going live on 1 April 2029.

We will keep you informed of all developments as we hear them.