

District Councillor Report for Bramford April 2022

Support for Ukrainian Refugees

As the war rages in the Ukraine Mid Suffolk have pledged their full backing to the people of the country, this for the council is support for refugees arriving in the district. There is now a Suffolk Ukraine Task Group established that is made up of representatives from Suffolk's local authorities, CCGs, Heath Outreach, police and refugee support group amongst others. This is for the purpose of ensuring a smooth transition to refugees in regard to accommodation, health support and wellbeing. We hope to deal with getting youngsters into our schools and breaking barriers with language and culture.

SCC have information on their website to deal with most questions and people that are offering accommodation can register on GOV.UK under Homes for Ukraine. Much is being done to match refugees with sponsors and it remains a top priority for Mid Suffolk.

Energy Rebates

The Council are responsible for administering the governments rebates for band A to D. This will be £150 and paid into the bank accounts of the person paying the council tax on a property. Most of the payments to direct debit customers will be in by the end of May. Residents that don't use DD will be sent a letter. Where a dwelling is in a council house reduction scheme it will be eligible if the reduction value is A to D. These reductions are for students, entirely under 18 occupancy, severe mental impairment, and annexes.

Changing Places Facilities

Mid Suffolk has placed a successful bid for 2 new facilities, one in The Museum of East Anglian Daily Life and the other at Stradbroke leisure centre. The facilities are state of the equipment in large disabled toilets for lifting and improving the experience for customers using them, also privacy screens. There will be more space for carers and larger changing facilities. The hope is to make these areas more accessible to disabled people who would otherwise find visiting a difficult process, hopefully improving their wellbeing and increasing visits. Around £100,000 is available.

East Anglia Green

The Consultation for EA Green is now running, This is the scheme to run another set of pylons and 400kv wires between Norwich, Bramford and Tilbury. A distance of around 180km. Please visit nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green to have a look at the project. The consultation finishes on the 16th of June.

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