

District Councillor Report: Elmswell Parish Council

November 2019

New Corporate Plan	The Joint Strategic Plan (2016 – 20200) has been refreshed by the Cabinet members of both Councils. The new corporate plan includes both a vision and a mission statement and is summarised with a graphic representation. This was discussed at the October Council meeting, where the Green Group proposed an amendment to include an all-encompassing theme of environmental sustainability which should underpin all activity within the Council. This was rejected by the administration.
Environment Task Group	A cross party group of councillors from both Councils has now formed and agreed a programme of meetings to address the Climate Emergency and hopefully come up with some strategies for the Council to adopt in due course.
Housing	Mid Suffolk are delivering two affordable two completely affordable housing developments on the middle school sites in both Needham Market and Stowmarket. Both of these developments will include homes for affordable rent, social rent and shared ownership. Over the last 4 years Mid Suffolk have just about kept pace with the loss of properties to the Right to Buy Scheme.
Neighbourhood Plans	Both Thurston and Haughley Neighbourhood Plans have now been adopted by Mid Suffolk and form part of the planning policy.
West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership	The work of the WSCSP is to be discussed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18 th November. The WSCSP is a statutory body of organisations who work together to reduce crime and disorder. Members of the group include representative from the district councils, county council, police, fire and rescue service, clinical commissioning groups. The priorities of the group are Hate Crime, County Lines, Domestic Abuse and Homicide.
General Election – December 12	Due to the General Election being called for Thursday 12 December, MSDC have sent out the Notice of Parliamentary Election, with a request that copies be displayed on parish noticeboards. The issue of the Notice of Election signals a pre-election period which restricts some activities. All MSDC Council and Cabinet meetings will be cancelled, as will Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings. Next meetings will be in January. Planning and regulatory committees will continue to be held as normal.

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