

**I am pleased to say Mid Suffolk District Council is not increasing its share of the council tax bill this year.**

Very few local councils are in a position to freeze charges for residents, so I hope this will be welcome news – particularly at a time when costs are continuing to rise almost everywhere else.

We keep only a small proportion of your bill - just 9% - with the remainder going to Suffolk County Council, the Police & Crime Commissioner and town or parish councils, so we deliver exceptional value for money through the range of high-quality services we provide.

For less than the cost of a coffee each week – around £3.37p for a Band D home - we provide a lot: We collect your rubbish and recycling, provide leisure facilities, essential grants for local organisations, maintain green spaces, consider planning applications, support those at risk of homelessness, invest in regeneration projects and much more.

We have been investing in areas like rural community transport, and enhancing Stowmarket town centre with a £1.5m fund to bring empty shops back into use. We have set

aside money to make households and communities more resilient to climate change and the cost-of-living crisis. We are also improving access to the council for residents. Our customer access point in Stowmarket is now fully open five days per week, and we will also have council staff available at Eye library every Friday morning from 28 March.

Work is also starting on our £18 million Skills and Innovation Centre at Gateway 14, on the edge of Stowmarket, funded by the Freeport

and from business rates. This ground-breaking development will benefit the wider area – becoming a hub for talented local businesses, with a particular focus on the green economy, digital and cutting-edge technology.

Investments such as this are having a hugely positive impact on our district.

Looking ahead, you may be aware that the government proposes creating new Mayoral Authorities, with an elected Mayor covering a larger area, most likely Suffolk and Norfolk. The mayor would have powers over things like transport, infrastructure, health improvements and emergency services. Alongside this, the Government wants to replace existing county and district councils with all-purpose unitary authorities in the next few years.

For now, nothing has changed. But our priority will be to ensure any changes make a real difference to your quality of life, and that you continue to receive excellent, value for money services.

Our district is a fantastic place to live and we will continue to make it even better. Your council tax supports this work. Thank you.



**Message from  
Councillor Andy Mellen**

**MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT  
COUNCIL LEADER**

# WHERE YOUR COUNCIL TAX GOES



*Every  
pound  
is split:*

**Suffolk County Council 74p**

**Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner 13p**

**Mid Suffolk District Council 9p**

**Town or parish council 4p (on average)**

Using the £3.37 a week you'll pay Mid Suffolk District Council each week, we do all of this and more...\*



**Bin collections & recycling**



**Support for those at risk of homelessness**



**Licensing**



**Leisure centres**



**Local planning and building control**



**Grants for local organisations**



**Support for arts, culture and tourism**



**Community wellbeing & safety**

\*If you live in a Band D home, you'll pay £175.03 for Mid Suffolk's services in 2025/26, or around £3.37 a week. We've frozen charges for residents, so this is the same as you paid in 2024/25.



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