

January 2023 District Councillor report

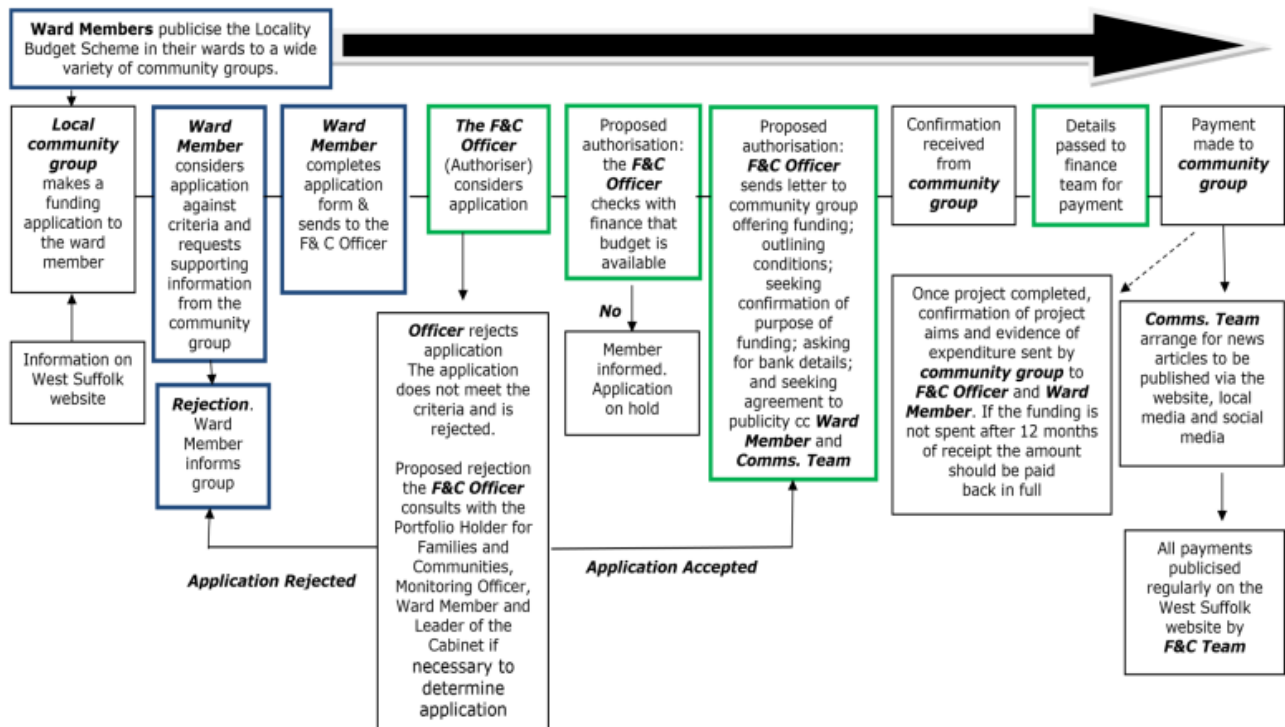
Depden Parish Council

Locality Budget 2022/23

As indicated in the chart below my locality budget for 2022/23 is £3,300, this includes £500.00 rolled over as unallocated funds from the previous year. Also indicated of the eight villages within the Ward (Rede, Depden, Chedburgh, Chevington, Hargrave, Ousden, Lidgate and Dalham), where funds have been requested and approved to date. £1500 remains to be used within the Ward, subject to meeting the criteria, the allocation for 2022/23 expires in March. Should any community groups which wish to hold Coronation celebrations for early May need to apply for the monies in this final period due to forthcoming Election period which begins March 23rd. Please advise me regarding funding requests.

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Mike Chester			LOCBUDW 09		Total Budget		£3,300.00	
					Total remaining		£1,500.00	
Date of application	Community organisation supported	Project Funded	Funding amount	Acceptance form sent	Date acceptance form was received	Supplier details received?	Passed for payment	Date payment was made
27.09.22	Ousden VH and PF	Ousden VH	£ 600.00					Paid
31.10.22	All Saints Church, Rede	Lighting Project	£ 250.00					Paid
18.11.22	Wildlife Friendly Chedburgh	Wildlife Friendly Chedburgh	£ 350.00					Paid
30.11.22	Dalham Parish Council	Information Signage at Malt Kiln	£ 450.00					Paid
12.01.23	Chedburgh Coffee Group	Chedburgh Coffee Group	£ 150.00					Pending
Total spent incl. commitments			£ 1,800.00					

Locality Budget process flowchart



Suffolk Council has announced that families on low income will be supported thanks to a 100% discount on Council Tax for one year, as the council look to help tackle the cost of living crisis.

Cllr Sarah Broughton is quoted.

West Suffolk's archives may be moved as the current building is not fit for purpose,

according to the county council. Options include investing in new premises at the planned

Western Way Hub in Bury St Edmunds or upgrading the existing building.

The first phase of the Western Way Hub costing up to £75million was given the go-ahead by

West Suffolk Council last week. The hub is expected to open in 2025 and will include a new

leisure centre for Bury St Edmunds; it may also include the archives, office space and/or a pre-school.

Councillors have agreed to stop using a potentially cancer-causing weedkiller that also attacks

insects in open spaces at a cost of £20,000. West Suffolk Council approved a Green Party motion

to end the use of the herbicide glyphosate from its operations by April 2023.

Plans have been submitted for a state-of-the-art animal feed mill on the outskirts of Bury St Edmunds.

The application has been made by AB Agri Ltd and British Sugar for land off Compiegne Way,

close to the existing sugar factory.

Campaigners win battle over gym's change of use. About the Development Control Committee's decision on the Sport Direct gym in Easlea Road.

Campaign victory as splash fountain near park is backed – A splash fountain is set to be built on a Bury St Edmunds estate after the town council backed the idea in a victory for a five-year campaign.

Deferral for allowance increase – Councillors have deferred bringing in changes to their basic allowance that would have seen them gain £400 more a year.

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2022

Audience: Electors and other interested persons and bodies, including elected representatives and those with expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people.

Open: 16 December 2022 to 27 January 2023

The Elections Act 2022 introduces changes which impact the voting process at polling stations and as a result West Suffolk Council has undertaken an audit of polling station facilities to make sure they comply.

The feedback gathered has identified some polling stations which are not available at the next elections on 4 May 2023 and some polling stations which do not provide electors with reasonable facilities for voting or are not accessible to electors who are disabled.

As a result, an interim polling places review is required and will be focused on changes to the polling scheme where venues are not available or are not suitable. The aims of this tailored review will be to:

seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances, and ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place is accessible to electors who have a disability.

This is not a statutory review and therefore will not look at all polling places or polling district boundaries as they will be subject to a full review, as required by law, to be completed between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025.

Definitions

Polling District - a geographical subdivision of an electoral area, for example a District/Parish Ward, within which a polling place is designated.

Polling Place – an area or building in which polling stations are located, and which can be as wide as a whole polling district.

Polling Station – the actual building in which voting takes place.

Review timetable

Notice of review 16 December 2022

Consultation on recommendations included as part of the review 16 December 2022 to 27 January 2023

Publish the conclusions of the review 10 February 2023

Revised polling arrangements take effect 4 May 2023

Notices

Formal Notice of Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

How your councils work

There are a variety of different types of council in England, together they form what is known as local government. In West Suffolk there are:

- a county council – [Suffolk County Council](#)
- a district council - [West Suffolk Council](#)
- 81 town/[parish councils](#)

Each type of council has responsibility for providing different services to residents, community groups, visitors and businesses alongside a wider set of more strategic responsibilities. These customer-facing services are set out below.

Suffolk County Council

Suffolk County Council is broadly responsible for:

Service area	Overview and responsibilities	Contact details
Adult Social Care and Health	Help and support to live independently, social care services, paying for care, protecting vulnerable people and information for social care providers.	Website: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/adult-socialcare-and-health/ Email: customer.first@suffolk.gov.uk Phone: 08088 004 005
Children, Families and Learning	Schools, children with special educational needs and disability (SEND), childcare and Family Information Service, fostering and adoption, children's health, Raising the Bar and The Parent Hub.	Website: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/childrenfamilies-and-learning/ Email: customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk Phone: 03456 066 067
Community and Safety	Trading standards advice for consumers, Emergency Planning, crime and public safety and staying safe online, moving to Suffolk and funding opportunities.	Website: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/communityand-safety/ Email: customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk Phone: 03456 066 067

Economy, Skills and Environment	Planning application advice and guidance, waste recycling centres and rubbish tips, listed buildings and green conservation areas, blocked drains, cycle lanes or tracks, highways, pavements, potholes, street lights.	<p>Website: https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/planningwaste-and-environment/</p> <p>Email: customer.service@suffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 03456 066 067</p> <p>Reporting a highway emergency: 03456 066 171 (to be re-directed to the out of hours service)</p>
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West Suffolk Council

West Suffolk Council is broadly responsible for:

Service area	Overview of responsibilities	Contact details
Community Development	Support from a dedicated team of Families and Communities Officers, Community centres, grants for local or voluntary groups, concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour and what to do in an emergency.	<p>Website: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/communi ty/</p> <p>Email: families.communities@westsuffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 01284 757327</p>
Economic Development	Support for businesses with information, advice and links to information to help businesses thrive, launching, maintaining and expanding a business, help with finding land and premises, funding and advice for keeping businesses environmentally friendly through energy efficiency.	<p>Website: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/business/</p> <p>Email: economic.development@westsuffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 01284 757114</p>
Housing	Finding a home in the area including renting, social housing, supported and sheltered housing, grants to improve or adapt a home, advice about obligations and rights for tenants and landlords in the private rented sector.	<p>Website: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housing/index.cfm?aud=resident</p> <p>Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk</p> <p>Phone: 01284 757605</p>

Service area	Overview of responsibilities	Contact details
Licensing and Environmental Health	Licensing for businesses and fundraising events including taxis, alcohol and entertainment, street trading, animal business, park homes and caravan sites and street parties. Support and advice with environmental problems including asbestos, bonfires, contaminated land, derelict buildings, drains and sewers, high hedges and water. Support and advice with public health including air quality, dogs, noise, pests and energy efficiency.	Website: Licensing https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/business/regulation_and_licensing/ Website: Environmental health https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/ Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: Licensing 01284 758050 Environmental Health 01284 757400 Public Health & Housing 01284 757053
Planning and Building Control	Help with the planning process, building regulations, planning policy and conservation in relation to planning. Residents can also view and comment on planning applications and have a say on planning policy consultations.	Website: http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/index.cfm?aud=resident Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: Planning 01284 757675 Building control 01284 757387
Elections	Register to vote and find out about the different ways of casting a vote. Information on current elections and referendums, ward maps and previous election results.	Website: http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/council/voting_and_elections/ Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: 01284 757 131
Waste and recycling	Rubbish collection, recycling and the garden waste collection service for residents and businesses. Information is available on when bins are emptied in each locality, tips on reducing food waste and how to recycle more. Residents can also report when a bin has not been emptied. Responsibility for keeping public spaces clean and provide information on household waste recycling centres and how to dispose of	Web: https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/ Email: customer.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Phone: 01284 757320

	electrical, clinical and hazardous waste.	
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Town and parish councils

The responsibilities of town and parish councils vary, depending on the locality. In broad terms, they may be responsible for:

- allotments
- bus shelters
- cemeteries
- footpaths
- open spaces
- village spaces.

Contact details for parish and town councils, and information on their areas of responsibility, are available: [Parish council contact details](#)

Services provided in partnership

West Suffolk's leisure services are run by [Abbeycroft](#) on behalf of the council.

Council Tax and benefits are administered on behalf of West Suffolk by [Anglia Revenues Partnership](#).

Registered providers, or housing associations, are not-for-profit organisations that own and manage affordable housing. The majority of affordable housing in West Suffolk is provided by [Havebury Housing Partnership](#) and [Flagship Homes](#). For further information on how we work with registered providers and for a full list of the organisations that provide affordable housing, please see the [Tenancy Strategy](#).

Mike Chester



District Councillor for the Chedburgh and Chevington Ward

Vice-Chair of West Suffolk District Council