

## District Councillors Report to 8 March 2020

The Council has agreed their Financial Budget for the year 2021. An increase of £2.76 per annum will be added to a Band D Property and details can be found on the Mid Suffolk District Council's website.

The Development Management Team at Mid Suffolk have scooped a National award for the way the technological advances as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Planning. They won Silver in the Best use of digital and Technology Category at the iESE Public Sector transformation awards.

Needham Market railway station has been awarded £380,000 from a government Fund to improve accessibility for all. This is welcome news for a difficult to access railway station.

Ipswich Town Football has teamed up with active schools to get more youngsters active. The club is the first ambassador of the £80,000 three year Active Schools project.

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness centre have been named as some of the Country's best, following a National Industry assessment. Following their GP exercise referral scheme assessment by Quest, both schemes were awarded the status of 'excellent.'

A number of shops in Suffolk are offering refills for a host of household items in a bid to cut down on the amount of plastic and packaging we use.- Have you got your litter pick day sorted?

Councillor Mrs Kathie Guthrie for the Debenham Ward