

District councillor's report, September 2014

1. New CAB outreach, Debenham

The outreach will start on Wednesday 10th September, at the Children's Centre in Debenham. It will be open from 9.30 to 12.30 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. The morning session would allow the adviser time to record the case and instigate follow up work back at the Bureau in the afternoon. The advisers have particular expertise in debt options and processes.

2. New Anglia LEP funding

The New Anglia LEP has succeeded in obtaining funding in full for 15 of the 30 projects applied for (+ partial funding for a further 4). This amounts to an investment package of £32m for projects starting in 2015/16, and a further £50m for longer term projects. These projects include:

£10m for the Norfolk and Suffolk Better Broadband Programmes to support the extension of broadband coverage, with the aim of reaching 95% by 2017.

Construction and Agri-tech facilities, Easton and Otley College, Easton Campus – Enabling building of a new construction training centre to accommodate employers demands. £2.5m.

Ipswich Radial Corridor – Package of sustainable transport measures to improve traffic flows into Ipswich. £1.8m.

Bury St. Edmunds Sustainable Transport – Package of sustainable transport measures to make walking, cycling and travelling by public transport easier for short journeys. £2.3m.

3. Affordable housing: new development partner announced

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils have appointed a new development partner, Havebury Housing Partnership, based in Bury St Edmunds, in a bid to kickstart their affordable housing programme across their districts. Havebury, was already one of four existing housing associations the councils used to provide new affordable housing. The contract, won after a tender process, will be for an initial four years.

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk are committed to developing new council housing in response to recent government initiatives designed to encourage this.

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