

Mid Suffolk District Council report to parish Councils July 2015

Cllr Glen Horn.

MSDC are currently conducting a review of the Joint Strategic Plan, as there are many new councillors, and they wish to ensure that the plan is relevant and fit for the purpose of delivering the strategic objectives of the council. A review is also being conducted at BDC, as the council there is under majority control for the first time in 42 years.

Charlie Adan, the chief executive of BDC & MSDC has requested permission to conduct a full staffing review of both councils to ensure that we have the right people with the right skills doing the right jobs.

This review will also lead to a review of the services delivered by BDC & MSDC, especially in light of future funding strategies.

The next major project for the councils will be to identify future accommodation provision for its own services, as well as identifying better ways of sharing facilities and alignment of systems.

The current council priorities remain delivering commitments in:

Housing

Economy & Environment and

Communities

These strategic priorities will be delivered by programme steering boards, one of which is a board called "enabling" which seeks to ensure that tools, resources and expertise are available to deliver the priorities and commitments of the council.

With regard to the Wetheringsett Ward, both District Councillor Glen Horn and County Councillor Andrew Stringer sit on the enabling steering board, and will be seeking input from the parishes in the ward for direct contribution to the steering board.

I am currently pushing for a review of the Local Planning Policy, although changes to the national policy will affect us locally, and have not yet been fully detailed. I will endeavour to keep parish councils and clerks updated.

Glen Horn.

MSDC.

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