

## District Councillors Annual report to 6 May 2017

The report this year will focus on ten of the top achievements of Mid Suffolk District Council

New Council homes up. MSDC are building 65 with 14 already occupied.

Funding for Community led housing up with a grant of £430,000 to kick start delivery of new affordable homes. The definition of affordable homes is often misunderstood but it is not for cheaper homes in the private sector

Number of empty homes down, 97 have been brought back into use.

Avoidable Evictions Down. Financial inclusion Project has taken over 150 referrals and helped tenants claim £33,106 more in benefits they are entitled to.

Green energy income up £460,000 of income generated this year by solar panels installed by the Solar PV project, up by almost 70% on last year. The project has reduced CO2 emissions by 3.7million tonnes since June 2014

Recycling up 20 tonnes of glass being collected and recycled a month with 6.5% increase in business waste service customer base

Opportunities for businesses are up. Enterprise parks at Stowmarket and Sproughton which could attract up to 293 new businesses and 2400 jobs

Following MSDC Electoral Canvas 97% of those surveyed feel well informed about electoral matters.

MSDC have empowered communities to bring forward Neighbourhood plans 3 now adopted and a further 14 in the formal process.

MSDC and Babergh Councils provided over £725,000 in grants to community groups.

Councillor Mrs Kathie Guthrie