

**MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILLORS MIKE NORRIS & STEVE
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Budget approval

On Thursday 27 February Mid Suffolk District Council approved its budget for 2020/21, including an increase in council tax that will see £2.76 a year added to the bill of a Band D property.

Needham Market on track for bright future

Needham Market railway station is set to receive £380,000 in government funding to improve accessibility. The funding from the Department of Transport, new Access for All programme will benefit Needham Market, giving it a further boost to the council's plans to regenerate Needham Market station and improve access to the station's Ipswich-bound platform.

Helping ratepayers high on the agenda

The introduction of a local discretionary discount for pubs, to update the current retail discount policy and to extend the local newspaper discount was agreed at Mid Suffolk's cabinet meeting last month, and will be implemented when the Government provides more details of the schemes to support ratepayers across both districts.

Refilling your weekly shop without unnecessary plastic is getting easier in Suffolk

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.

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