

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

ITEM 11 – PAPER MC/18/38 – GENERAL FUND BUDGET 2019/20 AND FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK

Proposals from the Green Party Group on the Mid Suffolk District Council draft 2019/20 budget:

Bring back the Council closer to the people by:

- Relocating public facing officers to the Creeting Road site
(Cost between £10,000 and £800,000 depending on numbers needed to accommodate and required building works)
- Providing more Pop-up council offices in rural locations
- Making officers accessible to the public

Invest in Mid Suffolk by:

- Selling all CIFCO holdings within four years and reinvesting the money in projects that deliver on a greater number of our strategic priorities.
(Cost in initial year between £25,000 and £1,000,000 depending upon current valuations of the properties)
- Investing in stalled housing sites, to increase housing delivery (see above)
- Planning to upgrade Stowmarket Station forecourt and undertaking a strategic review of town centre car parking

Be an open and transparent Council by:

- Holding a majority of meetings out in the district to encourage attendance
- Broadcasting web-cast meetings for greater accessibility
- Undertaking an annual community budgeting process
- Reporting in an open and honest manner

All of the proposals above to be funded from the 2018/19 underspend, the 2019/20 surplus or the uncommitted balance in the Growth and Efficiency Fund.