

.....**Poslingford Parish Council** ..... 10<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Report from Nick Clarke, Karen Richardson and Marion Rushbrook, West Suffolk District Councillors

### **West Suffolk Parish and Town Forum - Save the date**

Please save the date for the next Parish and Town forum, the meeting will be held in person at Mildenhall Jubilee Centre, Recreation Way, Mildenhall, IP28 7HG from 7pm to 8.30pm on Monday 18 March 2024. Further information regarding the forum along with an agenda for the evening will be sent through closer to the date.

### **Homelessness and Investing in temporary accommodation**

Over this past year, West Suffolk Council (WSC) have invested more than £1.2 million both to improve their existing temporary accommodation as well as to increase the amount that can be accessed. It means a better quality of accommodation for the people who we are looking after during an extremely challenging time in their lives. And it also means that we can accommodate more people.

Part of that money has been spent on major works to improve the living conditions of temporary accommodation in Bury St Edmunds used predominantly to support families. Here, we have carried out work to improve the bedrooms, kitchen and garden. We've also improved access for people with mobility issues, including a wet room, larger bedroom and a wide door entrance with wheelchair access. It's about ensuring that people's stay, however temporary it may be, is as pleasant and welcoming an experience as it can be under the circumstances.

We've also made buildings more sustainable through solar panels and an air source heat pump, so it is both cheaper to run and has less of an environmental impact.