

March Report for Parish Council

Devolution

Having been accepted on to the Government's Devolution Priority Programme a Working Group of councillors and officers has been set up to prepare the Interim Submission, on how Norfolk could move from the current two tier system to one or more unitary councils, which has to be submitted by 21st March. The final, more detailed, proposal has to be submitted in September.

Alongside this the Government has launched a Community Consultation, which is open until April 13th, so that local people can let them know their views on Devolution which would involve electing a Mayor in 2026 to lead the unitary councils that will be formed in Norfolk and Suffolk.

<http://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution-consultation/>

Local Government Reform

A Working Group of councillors and officers has also been set up to work on a proposal of how many unitary councils would deliver the best and most sustainable services across the area. District Councils are also putting together their preferred options to send to Government which will make the final decision in September.

Parish Partnership Scheme

This year the Parish Partnership Scheme has enabled 97 parishes to deliver schemes that they wanted for their area. This is a 50/50 scheme by which Norfolk County Council matches the contributions made by the parishes. This year NCC contributed £425,476 which enabled work totalling £848,702 to be delivered.

Roads

Over the next year an extra 100 miles of roads will be getting a new surface, funded by an extra £15 million received from the Department of Transport.

The fund will also help fund repairs and patching.

Electric Blankets

Norfolk Trading Standards and Norfolk Fire Service are offering free electric blanket safety testing this month.

The nearest events will be:

Tuesday March 11th 2 – 4 pm at Wymondham library

Wednesday March 12th 2 – 4 pm Dereham library

Thursday 13th March 10 – 12noon Norwich Millennium Library

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