

Homes for Cathy

21st November 2025

Devolution

Devolution is the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. A Mayoral Combined Authority will be formed.

Political Party	Mayoral Candidate Name
Conservatives	Tim Passmore
Greens	Caroline Topping
Labour	Carli Harper-Penman
Liberal Democrats	Kevin Keable
Reform UK	Unknown
Independent	David Beavan

A panel discussion event will be held for all candidates with the aims:

To build constructive relationships with mayoral candidates by making a compelling case for housing as a top priority, while actively engaging with and understanding each candidate's stance on the issue.



Independent
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Local Government Reorganisation

- Local Government Reorganisation is the process in which the structure and responsibilities of local authorities are reconfigured.
- The Government has set out plans to move away from the current two-tier system of district and county councils.
- For most areas this means new councils with a population of 500,000 or more. Decisions will be made case by case.

Devolution vs Local Government Reorganisation:

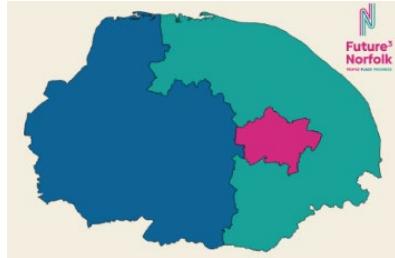
While devolution focuses on giving local authorities more power, local government reorganisation changes how councils are structured, often merging them or creating new units.

Timelines:

- Final proposal submissions – 25th September 2025
- **Consultation – November 2025 to January 2026**
- Decision Announcement – March 2026
- Secondary Legislation – Autumn 2026
- **Election to new unitaries – May 2027**
- New authorities operational – 1 April 2028



Local Government Reorganisation



Proposal 1 – All districts except for South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk County Council support this proposal of three new unitaries. They are Future Norfolk3. This would consist of East and West Norfolk and Greater Norwich.



Proposal 2 – Norfolk County Council – One Norfolk and One Council.



Proposal 3 – The plan outlines the creation of two new unitary authorities: Norwich & East Norfolk and West & North Norfolk.



Proposal 1 - advocates for a One Suffolk.



Proposal 2 - The other proposes three councils Western Suffolk, Central and Eastern Suffolk and Ipswich and Southern Suffolk.

- Consumer Regulations
- Social Housing Regulation Act 2023
- Mandatory housing targets & planning reform
- New towns programme & taskforce to unlock stalled sites
- Reform of CPO rules & ‘hope value’
- Right to Buy reforms
- Greater focus on social & affordable housing - & boosting sector capacity (SAHP)
- Greater focus on regeneration & place making
- Awaab’s Law
- Decent Homes Standard 2
- Minimum energy efficiency standards
- Warm Homes Plan
- Future Homes Standard

Underpinned by:

Competence & Conduct Standard

Long term housing & homelessness strategies (awaited)



What does all this change mean for homelessness services?

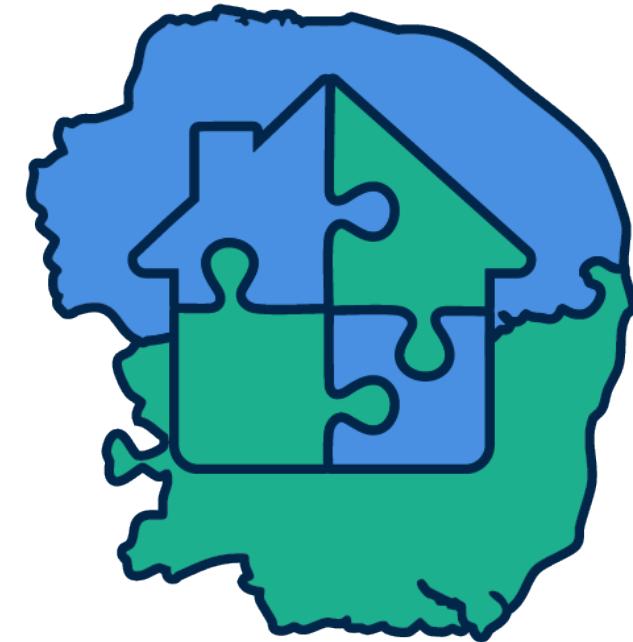


Norfolk and Suffolk Housing Partnership (N&SHP)

Founding Members

- RPs with a focus on Norfolk & Suffolk
- All LA's (stock and non-stock holding)
- Inaugural meeting 17th December 2025
- 2nd meeting in 9th February 2026

Purpose: To work alongside the Mayor in meeting housing need across Norfolk & Suffolk

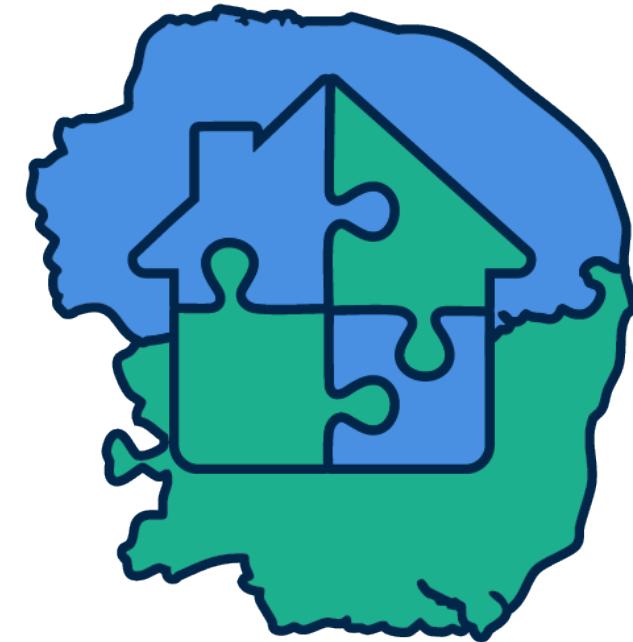


Norfolk & Suffolk Housing Partnership

Panel Event Discussion with the Mayoral Candidates

This event kicks off a vital partnership between the next Mayor and the region's housing leaders, marking the launch of a bold, dynamic collaboration with those driving housing change.

If you would like to come, please let me know..



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