Suffolk's District and Borough Councils have welcomed the Government's decision on the future shape of local government in Suffolk.

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has confirmed that three unitary councils will be created in Suffolk replacing the current system made up of Suffolk County Council and the five district and borough councils: Babergh, East Suffolk, Ipswich, Mid Suffolk and West Suffolk.

The new councils will come into operation in April 2028, with elections scheduled for next year to establish the shadow authorities responsible for shaping and overseeing the transition.

The joint statement made by District and Borough Council Leaders said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to reshape local government so it can better serve our residents and businesses, both now and for future generations.

"We had confidence in our Three Councils for Suffolk proposal, and we are pleased that the Government has listened to both us and the public in concluding that three unitary councils will best reflect and support the diverse needs across Suffolk.

"We are committed to ensuring a smooth transition and to creating councils that are large enough to deliver, and local enough to truly care."

The three unitary model will be simpler for residents (providing a single point of contact for services) and provide greater value for money (saving Suffolk £106 million in the first five years); crucially, it will mean accountability because decision making will be kept truly local to you.

For more details, please visit: Welcome – Three Councils For Suffolk

GLI Achievements

As the GLI (Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent) administration of East Suffolk Council, we are proud of our cross-party collaboration and the successes this has led to throughout are current term. Many of our Councillors were new to the role, and we have all dedicated ourselves to the communities we were elected to serve; below is a list of some of our achievements so far. If you have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact us.

- Tree strategy (East Suffolk Tree and Hedgerow Strategy | East Suffolk Council)
- East Suffolk Youth Council (East Suffolk Youth Council pays visit to Parliament | East Anglian Daily Times Youth Councillors visit heart of British democracy | East Suffolk Council)
- Community Hub (Council Community Hub officially opens in Lowestoft | East Suffolk Council)
- Teenage Engagement Project
- Community Café

- Youth Clubs
- SISU machines (Lowestoft residents encouraged to 'make those moments last' by getting their blood pressure checked - Suffolk County Council)
- Port Health
- £1.5m Thriving Communities Fund for areas outside of Lowestoft and Felixstowe (New fund announced to support East Suffolk's smallest communities | East Suffolk Council)
- Work on Developer's Charter – subsequent support for pressure groups speaking out against government restrictions on local authorities to improve building standards for new builds in east Suffolk. This will impact ES's carbon costs, fuel poverty and general health of occupants.
- Marmot place – investment in health equity. (East Suffolk Marmot Place | East Suffolk Council Tackling health inequalities in East Suffolk | East Suffolk Council)
- All car parks are equipped with at least one coin operated payment machine, and also offer contactless card payment - machines are designed to be located near disabled spaces. (Car parks and tariffs | East Suffolk Council)
- Nature at Work, engaging schools, parish council's and town councils to help biodiversity. (Nature at Work | East Suffolk Council)
- Cycling and Walking strategy. (Cycling | East Suffolk Council)
- SALIX government grant to decarbonise leisure centres so they are cheaper to run and more sustainable. (Leisure development projects | East Suffolk Council)
- Managed and monitored challenging energy projects and sought ways to support residents wherever possible.
- Investment in Community Partnerships – support of bat monitoring. (Community Partnerships | East Suffolk Council)
- Solar for schools
- Flood resilience fund, and support in extreme weather conditions (Resilient Coasts | East Suffolk Council).
- Support for Thorpeness community. (Coastal Erosion at Thorpeness | East Suffolk Council)
- Green Light Trust
- Kirkely Waterfront
- Lowestoft cultural quarter improvements (Work to deliver Cultural Quarter progressing once more | East Suffolk Council)
- National first CO2 restriction on an unpopular incinerator.
- CIL play area funds.

- Overseen the rewriting of the constitution. (Constitution | East Suffolk Council)
- Largest ever council house retrofit fit programme in Suffolk -£11m
- First cooperation between NHS and council on warm homes grants targeted at fuel poor with chronic health. (Warm Homes: Social Housing Fund Wave 3 | East Suffolk Council)