County Councillor Report for July 2026

Norfolk County Council Chief Executive

The NCC Chief Executive, Tom McCabe, has decided to leave his post, after 7.5 years as the authority's senior officer. The council will conduct a short internal process to appoint an acting chief executive, while commencing recruitment for the permanent post.

Norfolk County Council submits judicial review of Local Government Reorganisation proposals

A judicial review has been submitted by Norfolk County Council in response to the proposed Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) programme in Norfolk.

The Government's proposals would replace the current two-tier system of local government in Norfolk, comprising the county council alongside district, city and borough councils, with a new structure of three unitary authorities.

The submission of a judicial review represents an early stage in the legal process. The court will consider whether the case should be granted permission to proceed. If so, the case would move to a substantive hearing where the lawfulness of the Government's decision-making process will be examined.

NCC Cabinet meeting, 29 June 2026

The first meeting of the new NCC Cabinet took place on the 29 June 2026 is available to view via on the NCC YouTube channel.

Greater Norwich Local Plan (GNLP) additional Call for Sites

In February this year, the Greater Norwich authorities (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council, working with Norfolk County Council) opened an initial “Call for Sites”. Landowners, developers, and other interested parties were invited to submit sites that may be suitable for housing, employment or other uses. There is now another opportunity to submit sites that may be suitable for future development by re-opening the Call for Sites from 15th June – 13th July 2026. The Greater Norwich authorities will assess submissions to identify which sites may be suitable to allocate in the new local plan. The submission of a site does not guarantee it will be allocated. This will form the basis of a future public consultation.

Electrical waste recycling

It is still only possible to recycle a limited range of large electrical items at Norfolk recycling centres. This is due to a significant fire at the council electrical waste contractor's premises in Thetford on Thursday 16 April. The fire has had an impact on the treatment capacity for some types of electrical waste collected at Norfolk Recycling Centres.

Some retailers may accept items for recycling but check the availability of this service with the store.

In Broadland it is possible to use the district kerbside collection service to put out small electrical side waste. Otherwise, store electrical items safely at home until the service at recycling centres is fully restored.

Free Composting Workshops

Norfolk County Council and Garden Organic are offering free composting workshops across Norfolk until September 2026, showing how easy it is to get started at home.

These two-hour sessions, delivered by our Master Composters, cover the basics of home composting, how to get the best results, and what to do if things don't go to plan.

If you can't attend in person, compost webinars are also available. **You can book your place on a workshop or webinar here**.

Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme

This summer's Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is now live, offering more opportunities than ever before - from kayaking and climbing to cooking and coding!

Between 20 July and 02 September, activities will take place across Norfolk, giving children the chance to stay active, try new things and make new friends during the school holidays.

There are still free spaces available for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals, alongside paid places for those who are not eligible. Families can choose from a wide range of activities and there are also plenty of SEND-specialist sessions too.

Sessions are delivered by organisations across the county, in partnership with Norfolk County Council and Active Norfolk - **click here to browse the full list of what's on offer**.

Elections on the 16th July

Elections for a new Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk will be taking place across the county on Thursday 16 July. On the same day, residents of Old Catton division will go to the polls to elect a new Norfolk County Councillor following the resignation of the councillor elected in May.

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