

County Deal

Councillors and Cabinet have agreed to progress a £612.9m County deal, to transfer more powers and funding from the government to Norfolk.

According to the report to cabinet, the deal would mean that, from 2024 onwards, the County Council could:

- target funding and resources to Norfolk's own priorities, with a new investment fund of £20m per year for 30 years
- unlock housing and employment sites with an injection of £12.9m capital funding in this Spending Review period and new powers to drive regeneration, housing and development priorities
- invest in the skills we know we need, with devolution of the adult education budget and input into the new Local Skills Improvement Plans
- invest in local transport planning and consolidate transport budgets to direct funding to better meet our local needs and priorities
- strengthen the local business voice to inform local decision making and strategic economic planning through the future integration of New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership
- have a council leader who is directly elected by the public, with the first election in May 2024
- raise our influence regionally and nationally, enabling our voice to be better heard by Government to shape future policies and funding decisions for the benefit of our County

A six-week public consultation on the deal will be launched on 6th February 2023. The full council will decide whether to support the change to an elected leader, in December. If approved, an election will be held in May 2024.

For further details: www.norfolk.gov.uk/norfolkcountydeal

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