

Cabinet considers key priorities for Norfolk

Ambitious plans to deliver for the people of Norfolk will be considered by the county council's cabinet next month.

On 5 June, the cabinet will consider the council's top priorities for the next year, known as the corporate delivery plan.

The report highlights how the council provides, for a population of 914,039 in an area of 2,079 square miles:

- £1.3 million per day on adult social care for 19,000 people
- Support for 1,150 children in care
- 13 special schools
- 6,200 miles of road, 2,800 miles of footway and cycleway and 2,400 miles of trails and footpaths
- 47 libraries and 10 museums
- 42 fire stations
- 20 recycling and waste centres and 15 re-use shops

The council's priorities for the next year are:

- A vibrant, sustainable economy, including £1.5 million of pilot projects through the Norfolk Investment Framework, overseeing completion of the Great Yarmouth operations and maintenance campus and delivering fibre broadband to 8,821 premises by next year
- Better opportunities for children and young people, including plans for two more special schools, creation of a new learning strategy and working with the NHS on multi-agency, community based support for children, young people and families
- Healthy, fulfilling and independent lives, including 12 more independent living units for people with complex needs, using digital technology to identify people who could benefit from earlier help and completion of the Great Yarmouth multi-user hub by spring next year
- Stronger, engaged and inclusive communities, including work with the voluntary sector on a new volunteering strategy, delivering, with partners, the hardship support programme and running public health campaigns through libraries
- A greener, more resilient future, including starting to implement the council's climate change strategy, supporting electric buses and electric vehicle charging points and consideration of new recycling centres in the Sheringham, Wymondham, Long Stratton and North Walsham areas

£2 Bus Travel extended

Bus travel in many parts of Norfolk is set to stay capped at £2 a journey as part of the government's ongoing Bus Fare Cap Grant scheme, which has now been extended to 31 October 2023.

This means that a single journey on all services run by participating operators until 31 October 2023 will continue to cost no more than £2 thanks to funding from HM Government.

In addition, the government has announced funding to freeze fares at £2.50 from November 2023 through to November 2024.

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The scheme is part of the Government's Help for Households campaign designed to support families through cost-of-living pressures.

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