

1. District Councillor Report

Cllr Kim Toye – Beeston Regis & The Runtons

March 2025

Budget approved at Full Council

At North Norfolk District Council's Full Council meeting last night, Members voted in favour of accepting the proposed budget for 2025/26 and raising the district Council Tax precept. The budget setting exercise undertaken for 2024/25 showed that for the coming financial year, the Council would have to make substantial savings. Throughout the last year, it has carried out reviews of many of its services and how its assets are used. By finding savings in spending and generating more income, the Council has been able to deliver a balanced budget for the year 2025/26 and is forecasting to break even at the end the financial year 2024/25.

Government Consultation

The Government has launched consultation for mayoral authority and additional funding for Norfolk & Suffolk. [You can respond to the consultation](#) via the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government at: consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/norfolk-and-suffolk-devolution-consultation/. The consultation runs until 13 April 2025. [You can read the full consultation via GOV.UK.](#)

Solar panels for residents

North Norfolk District Council has partnered with MakeMyHouseGreen to offer residents discounts on solar panels and installation and to offer expert advice.

- Reduced energy bills: Solar panels can significantly reduce your electricity bills, as you'll be generating your own renewable energy.
- Environmentally friendly: Solar energy is a clean and sustainable power source, helping reduce your carbon footprint and reliance on fossil fuels.
- Increased property value: Installing solar panels can increase the value of your home, making it more attractive to potential buyers.

The Council has chosen MakeMyHouseGreen as a delivery partner because of their proven PV partnerships with well-known organisations such as Nationwide Building Society, Cotswold District Council, Wickes and Santander.

Council continues to fill homes

North Norfolk has a housing shortage due to a growing population and limited opportunity to develop land for additional housing. The Council's Empty Homes Officer is working with property owners to help bring unoccupied and unfurnished properties back into use. Officers have done this in the past year in various ways, including offering advice on letting or selling properties and helping owners connect with estate agents, auction houses, housing associations, and potential buyers or tenants.

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Current applications – awaiting decision

TW/25/0304|T1 Ash, Remove, due to the presence of dead wood and possible ash dieback. The tree is situated within the children's playing area and reaches over a new walkway.

PF/25/0232|Detached outbuilding (snooker room) to rear of dwelling|76 Abbey Park
Beeston Regis Sheringham Norfolk NR26 8SS

IS2/24/2646|Proposed replacement of timber framed windows with PVC framed windows.|Priory Maze & Gardens Cromer Road Beeston Regis Sheringham Norfolk NR26 8SF

For those that you come across who need some support please share the links and information below.

[Warm Spaces](#) There are many people out there that need company and friendship during the winter months. Warm spaces can make a difference to those living alone or need a reason to venture out during the cold months.

[Cost of living support](#) This is where people can find information about sourcing help with energy bills or grants and putting food on the table.

[Housing](#) Having a safe and warm environment to live in is fundamental to ensuring our wellbeing and good health. NNDC can help those in need of support and advice.
