

We are in pre-election and required to be very careful in our comments

I will outline the current situation with some codicils.

May 6th 2026: We have an election for Norfolk County Council.

This will be the last ever election to the County Council

It will have some changes from the last time a NCC election was held! Electoral Commission changes

There will be 84 Cllrs elected

The term will only last 2 years and will operate within some restraints.

My 6th 2027: There will be a Shadow Council election

The term will last 5 years. 1 year to the vesting date for Unitary and then a 4-year term.

This will be election to The East Unitary, the West Unitary and the Greater Norwich Unitary.

Greater Norwich will have 63 Cllrs

West will have 72 Cllrs

East will have 65 Cllrs

From around September 2026 until the Shadow elections there will be joint committees one for each new Unitary area.

Each committee will have members from the existing county and district councils with a total number of seats as:

Central 8, West 10 and East 12

Split will be 50/50 between County and District

The government have said only one election in May 2027. Ergo there will not be any District (etc) or PC elections! Orders have not yet been laid in Parliament!

May 6th 2028 is vesting date and the Shadow member will become members in their Unitary.

May 7th 2027 Devolution discussion can re-start. Double Devolution????????????????

The latest map of the 3 unitary areas is not very well defined and currently shows Upper and Lower Stoke in completely different areas! I have to believe that this will not happen and PCs will not be split. Will update map as and when.