

As a valued stakeholder, Norfolk County Council are inviting you to let us know your thoughts on our annual budget consultation proposals.

- We want to find out what people think about our 2026-27 budget proposals.
- The consultation runs from **Monday 27 October 2025 and closes on Monday 15 December 2025**. The consultation is available here: www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget
- We will feed back the findings from our consultation to our county councillors as part of the evidence they will use to help them come to a decision about our budget proposals. Final decisions about the about the budget will be made by the council in February 2026.

Our proposals

We have ideas for how to save money - this year there are **50 new budget saving proposals**, and we are also **proposing to increase council tax**, which provides a large part of the funding we need to provide our services. We are also interested to hear any ideas you may have for saving public money.

How to take part

- There is an online feedback form, and print at home, large print and easy read versions are available. There is a BSL video giving an overview of the consultation too.
- If people need a copy of the consultation documents in a different format they can email haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk, call 0344 800 8020 or Text Relay on 18001 0344 800 8020 (textphone) and we will do our best to help.
- For more detail and to have your say, visit: www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget

Please find the press release below for your information.

Kind regards,

The Have Your Say team

27 October 2025

Norfolk's budget consultation launches today – have your say

As the county council's annual budget consultation launches today, Monday 27 October, people are being urged to take a look at the proposals and have their say.

The county council is working to set a balanced budget, despite the need to save £41.6 million in 2026-27.

Cllr Andrew Jamieson, deputy leader and cabinet member for finance at Norfolk County Council, said: "All councils are facing higher costs and greater demand for services. Once again we're facing an unenviable financial situation with a budget gap, the continued cost increases from inflation, spending pressures across wider public finances, and uncertainty about government funding for 2026-27 onwards.

"Despite this, the Council's budget plans still provide for £298m budget growth over the next 5 years to deal with demand and cost pressures. This will enable us to continue to protect vulnerable residents while still delivering the key services which are relied upon every day by Norfolk's residents, businesses and visitors.

"I'd urge people to take a look at our proposals and let us have your views. We also want to hear your ideas for making savings, as we believe that the people who use our services are the best people to comment on how to get more out of our services, while tackling the budget deficit."

This year there are 50 budget saving proposals, and proposals to increase council tax, which provides a large part of the funding the county council needs.

These proposed savings add up to £35.7 million – which would make a big contribution to the overall amount that needs to be saved.

To help deal with cost pressures and invest in vital services, the current budget planning for 2026-27 is based on an assumption to increase council tax.

Three options are being considered:

- An increase of 3%
- An increase of up to 5%
- An increase of more than 5%

People can find out more and have their say at www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget

The consultation opens on Monday 27 October and closes on Monday 15 December 2025.

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Notes to editors

We will take a report about the findings of this consultation to the Norfolk County Council Cabinet meeting in January 2026.

The council's select committees will comment on the budget proposals, before Cabinet finalises the proposals in January 2026 and the Full Council makes a final decision on the budget in February 2026.

Key national announcements, including the Autumn Budget on 26 November and the Local Government Finance Settlement in December, will inform final proposals.

For more budget facts and figures, see our budget factsheet: https://norfolk.citizenspace.com/consultation/budget-proposals-2026-27/supporting_documents/budget-factsheet-final-accessiblepdf

For political comment

For details of cabinet members, committee chairs and agendas, please see: www.norfolk.gov.uk/cabinetandchairs

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