

Norfolk County Councillor Report for parish councils in the Blofield & Brundall Division

18/05/2026

County Council Election, 7th May 2026

Summary of results

County electorate: 715,914

Total no of votes cast: 325,335

Overall percentage turnout: 45.44%

Seats won by parties

Party	Number of seats won
Reform UK	40
Liberal Democrat	13
Green	12
Great Yarmouth First Party	9
Conservative	8
Independent	1
Labour	1

No party has an overall majority. Therefore, it will be a minority administration. Full Council meeting on the 28th May will agree the Leader of the Council. Committee seats will subsequently apportioned and assigned.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

We expect a judicial review of LGR by Reform.

There is a separate legal challenge which is challenging the viability of the three unitary authority proposal for Norfolk proposed by the majority of Norfolk district councils and agreed by the Secretary of State.

Whatever happens with the legal challenges, the current plan is for the Structural Change Order to be laid before Parliament by the end of the year, although timing is not clear, to proceed with the three unitary authorities with elections to the shadow unitary authorities to take place in May 2027. The unitary authorities, county council, and district councils will work alongside each other until vesting day for the unitaries in April 2028.

Highways

I am aware of several highways issues within the division, and wider. I have, therefore, since the election, prioritised establishing a working relationship with the highways engineers. To this end I will be meeting with them at the North Area Depot, in Aylsham, on the 2nd June.

A specific issue of flooding on The Street, Brundall, outside the library entrance has been raised with the local highways team. Work to clean all the gullies and jet the lines through to outfall has been programmed and is with the contractor to be completed. As this is a very current issue I have asked for this work to be completed as soon as possible. Latest update: the work was carried out on the 18th May.

Care Homes

A motion will be going to the next Council meeting proposing the new Administration pauses the sell-off of all the Norfolk Care Homes that the previous Administration agreed in principle on 28 January. In addition, the motion will request the new Administration to conduct condition surveys of all Norse Care Homes with costings for their necessary modernisation, to draw up an investment and business plan, including for recently closed Care Home buildings, and consider bringing the Norse Care estate back in house.

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