

The future of Suffolk

Questionnaire on the Suffolk Devolution Deal

Have your say

**18 March to 26 May**

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|  | About this questionnaire |

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|  | We will tell you some important things about the Suffolk Devolution Deal. |

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|  | You can watch a video about the Suffolk Devolution Deal and read more about it at: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution](https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/devolution) |

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| A calendar with a date and a day  Description automatically generated | You have until 26th May 2024 to do this questionnaire. |

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|  | What is devolution? |

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|  | Suffolk County Council provides public services that cover the whole county, such as: |

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| Social care for children and adults | Household waste collection |

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| Highways and transport | Public health |

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|  | The government still makes some decisions about how Suffolk County Council spends its money. |

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|  | **Devolution** means the Government will give more control to Suffolk County Council to decide how it wants to spend money. |

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|  | This makes sure decisions are made closer to the local people, communities, and businesses they affect. |

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|  | This has already happened in some other areas, including Greater London, Liverpool, West Midlands and Greater Manchester. |

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|  | Question 1: **Do you think it is a good idea that the government gives Suffolk County Council more control when deciding how to spend money?** |

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|  | How much money will Suffolk get from the Devolution Deal? |

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|  | Under this deal, Suffolk County Council would get £480 million over 30 years. |

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|  | Suffolk County Council and other organisations would decide how best to use this money. |

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|  | This could be support to local businesses. |

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|  | Or improving roads and public transport. |

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|  | Or helping people access free bus travel. |

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|  | Question 2a: **How important is it that Suffolk County Council gets control of £480 million to pay for things local people need?** |

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|  | Question 2b: **If the deal were to go through, how would you like Suffolk County Council to spend this £480 million?** |
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|  | Adult Education |

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|  | Under the devolution deal, Suffolk County Council would become responsible for planning and paying for adult education in Suffolk. |

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|  | Adult education is for people aged over 19 years old and includes learning and training courses. |

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|  | In 2025/26, the money we expect to get for Adult Education is £9.4 million. |

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|  | We would talk to local business and adult education providers to find out what training people need. |

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|  | Question 3: **How important is it that Suffolk County Council gets control of £9.4 million a year to plan and pay for adult education in Suffolk?** |

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|  | Building houses |

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|  | There are more than 200 **brownfield sites** that could be built on. |

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|  | **Brownfield sites** are land where there are old buildings which no longer get used. |

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|  | Under the devolution deal, Suffolk County Council would get £5.8 million to get brownfield sites ready to build on. |

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|  | This would help create the right locations to build more houses. |

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|  | Question 4: **How important is it that Suffolk County Council gets £5.8 million to use brownfield sites for building houses?** |

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|  | Transport |

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|  | At the moment, Suffolk County Council gets money for transport from the Government every year. |

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|  | Under the devolution deal, we would get money over a few years at a time instead. |

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|  | We could introduce Oyster card-style smart ticketing. |

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|  | Or have more buses in rural areas. |

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|  | We would also get £250,000 each year for two years to support the **Suffolk’s Local Transport Plan**. |

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|  | **Suffolk’s Local Transport Plan** is a plan for managing and developing transport in Suffolk. |

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|  | Question 5: **How important is it that Suffolk County Council gets money for a few years, rather than every year?** |

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|  | Local decision-making |

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|  | At the moment, you get to elect your local councillor every 4 years. |

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|  | Then Suffolk County councillors choose the council leader. |

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|  | Under the devolution deal, you would get to vote on who will become the council leader. |

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|  | The council leader voted in by people can be from any political party or no party at all. |

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|  | The council leader voted in by people can chose other councillors to be in their cabinet. |

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|  | A cabinetis a group of councillors who make decisions about what a council does. |

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|  | The council leader voted in by people would need to work with the other councillors to agree on plans and how to spend money. |

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|  | Question 5: **How important is it that you can vote for the Suffolk County Council leader?** |

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|  | Question 6: **Do you think that Suffolk County Council should accept the devolution deal?** |

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|  | Question 7**: Do you have any other comments about the devolution deal?** This includes any good or bad things it will mean for you. |
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|  | It is your choice whether to answer these questions or not. |

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|  | Answering these questions helps us understand who is responding to the consultation. |

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|  | We can then make extra effort to reach groups of people that are not answering our questionnaires. |

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|  | Answering these questions will help us understand your specific needs. |

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|  | We can then make changes or improve our questionnaires so more people can fill them in. |

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|  | Question 8: **Would you like to answer these questions?** | | | |
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|  | Question 9: **How old are you?**  I am |

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| A person pointing at the camera  Description automatically generated | Question 10: **Are you…**  (Tick one box that applies to you) |

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|  | Question 11: **Do you have a long-term health problem or disability that affects how you do daily activities?**  (Tick one box that applies to you) |

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|  | Question 12: **To which of these groups do you consider you belong?**  (Tick one box that applies to you) |

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| Indian | Pakistani |
| Bangladeshi | Other |

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|  | **Black / African / Caribbean / Black British** | |
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|  | **Chinese** |

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|  | **White** | |
| English | Irish |
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| British | Gypsy or Irish Traveller |
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|  | If you ticked other, please write what background you are from |

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|  | Thank you for filling in this survey and sharing your views. |

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