

Suffolk County Council meeting Monday 12 January 202, vote taken on Agenda Item 3 – Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Response to Ministerial Letter of 18 December 2025.

Motion - proposed by Councillor Matthew Hicks and seconded by Councillor Richard Smith MVO.

Motion Text: Council is asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the letter from the Minister asking for views on how capacity would be released should government decide to postpone local elections.
- b) Ask that Cabinet takes into account the debate of this council, when considering if the Leader of the Council responds to the Minister.

Total results	
For	39
Against	14
Abstain	7

Conservative Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Edward Back	For		
Peter Beer	For		
Bobby Bennett	For		
Stuart Bird	For		
Elaine Bryce			
Stephen Burroughes	For		
Nadia Cenci	For		
Jenny Ceresa	For		
Chris Chambers	For		
Judy Cloke	For		
Andy Drummond	For		
James Finch	For		
Jessica Fleming	For		
Mick Fraser			
David Goldsmith	For		
Georgia Hall			
Liz Harsant	For		
Ryan Harvey	For		
T-J Haworth-Culf	For		
Matthew Hicks	For		
Rachel Hood	For		
Beccy Hopfensperger	For		
Michael Ladd	For		
Stuart Lawson	For		

Henry Lloyd	For		
Joe Mason	For		
Debbie McCallum	For		
Alexander Nicoll	For		
Colin Noble	For		
Kay Oakes	For		
James Reeder	For		
Andrew Reid	For		
Debbie Richards	For		
David Roach	For		
Keith Robinson	For		
Richard Rout			
Richard Smith MVO	For		
Karen Soons	For		
Joanna Spicer	For		
Lance Stanbury	For		
Jamie Starling	For		
Paul West	For		
Steve Wiles	For		
Nathan Wilson			

Green, Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Seamus Bennett			
Jessie Carter		Against	
Annette Dunning		Against	
Simon Harley		Against	
Richard Kemp			
Ruth Leach		Against	
Ash Lever		Against	
Robert Lindsay		Against	
Inga Lockington			Abstain
Victor Lukaniuk		Against	
Andy Mellen		Against	
Penny Otton			
Keith Scarff			
Andrew Stringer		Against	
Caroline Topping		Against	
Keith Welham		Against	

Labour Group

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Rob Bridgeman			Abstain
Peter Byatt		Against	
Adele Cook			
Elizabeth Farrow			
Sandy Martin			Abstain
Lucy Smith			Abstain

Reform UK Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Philip Faircloth-Mutton			Abstain
Christopher Hudson			Abstain
June Mummery			Abstain
Martin Robinson			
Heike Sowa			

Ungrouped Councillors

Councillor's Name	For	Against	Abstain
Patti Mulcahy		Against	
Sam Murray			
David Nettleton		Against	
Peter Thompson			