

Notice of Executive Decisions 2026/27

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Decision Reference: EDN-26-001

Decision Taker: Leader of the Council

Date of Decision: 18 June 2026

Publication Date: 26 June 2026

Subject: Potential Legal Proceedings v the Secretary of State

1. Decision Taken <i>Detail the decision(s) made</i>	To instruct officers of the Council to issue the claim for judicial review of the Secretary of State's of legal decision regarding Local Government Reorganisation of Suffolk County Council, before the deadline 25 June 2026 (the date by which any such proceedings may be issued).
2. Reasons for Decision <i>Explain why the decision was taken.</i>	The Leader considered, after consulting informally with Cabinet colleagues, that the protection of the best interests of Suffolk was best served by issuing the claim before the deadline for doing so expired, so allowing further consideration by an extraordinary Cabinet meeting before the proceedings needed to be served. The Leader's view, having considered legal advice, was that commencing a claim for judicial review was justified because: there were concerns about the negative impact of the current proposals for local government reorganisation; the government's decision letter and its response to the pre-action correspondence did not satisfactorily address concerns about (in particular) financial aspects, and about risks to frontline services; the Secretary of State had now admitted that the decision had been made contrary to advice which pointed in favour of the One Suffolk case; and the Government Legal Department response had failed to disclose fully the material upon which the decision was based.
3. Alternative Options considered <i>List options and reasons rejected.</i>	Not to issue the claim for judicial review of the Secretary of State's legal decision regarding Local Governments Reorganisation of Suffolk County Council before the deadline 25 June 2026.
4. Conflicts of Interest <i>Declare any interests</i>	None.