

Local Government Review for Norfolk

Local Government Review Progress Report

Full Council

06 December 2007

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Breckland's Position

- Preference for 'status quo' to remain
- Unknown if 'status quo' is an option
- Terms of Reference not received / Questions over legality
- Need to be engaged in debate else solution imposed
- Breckland led consensus building work with other Norfolk local authorities
- Consider range of unitary options

Outline Proposals

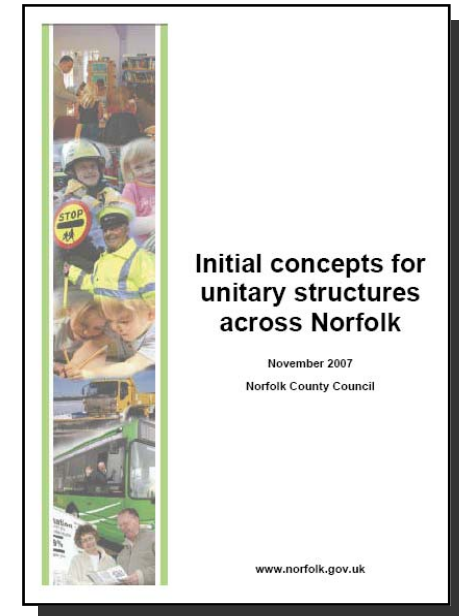
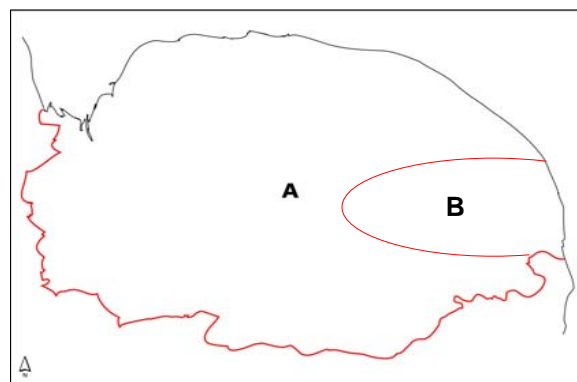
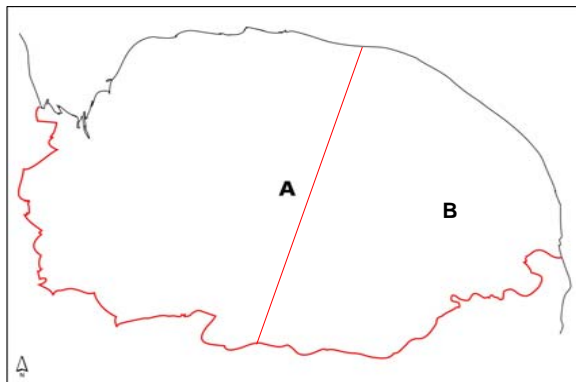
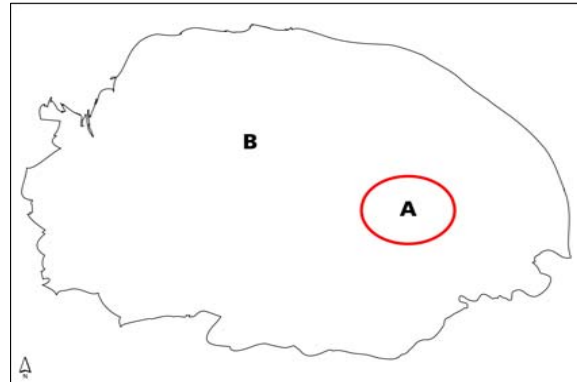
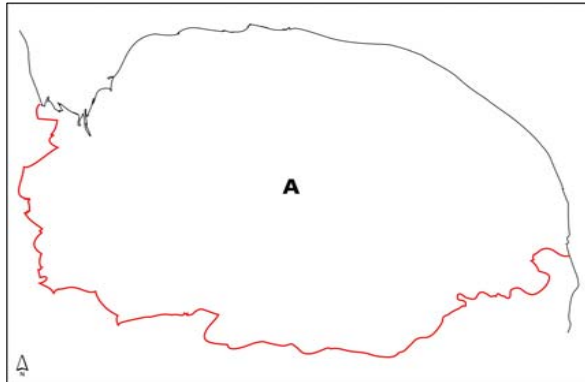
Worked in partnership with North Norfolk, Great Yarmouth and Norwich on a 3 unitary proposal

Across Norfolk 3 proposal documents were submitted on 30 Nov 2007 with outline options:

- North Norfolk DC – 1 option, 3 x unitary solution
- South Norfolk DC & Kings Lynn BC – 1 option, 4 x unitary solution
- County Council – 4 options (including County and three two-unitary options)

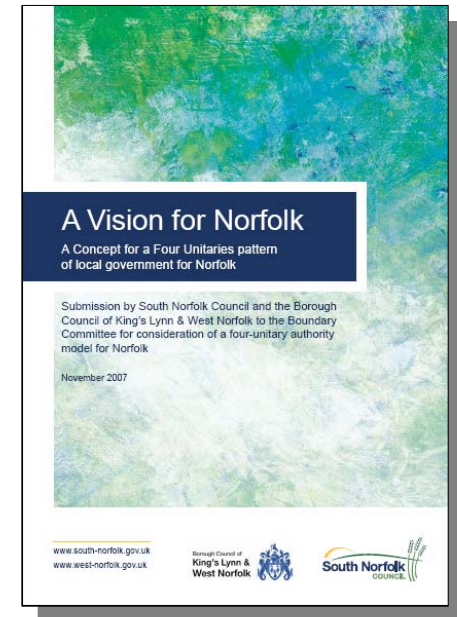
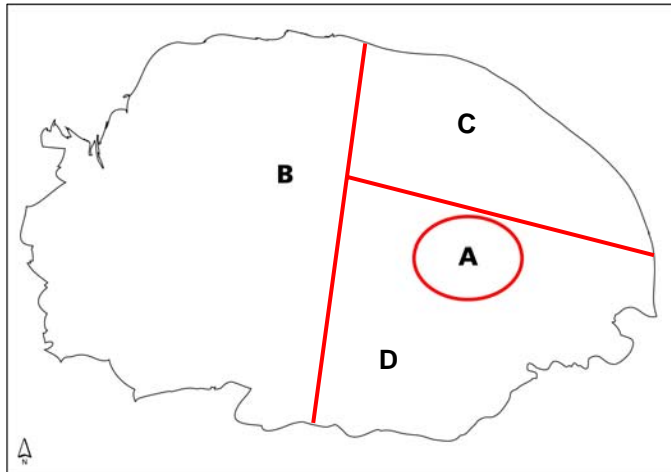
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Norfolk County Council Proposals



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South Norfolk District Council and King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council Proposal



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North Norfolk District Council Proposal



the outline unitary proposal for
norfolk



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Submission to the Boundary Committee November 2007

Submitted by
NORTH NORFOLK

In Partnership with
Breckland **GREAT YARMOUTH** **NORWICH City Council**

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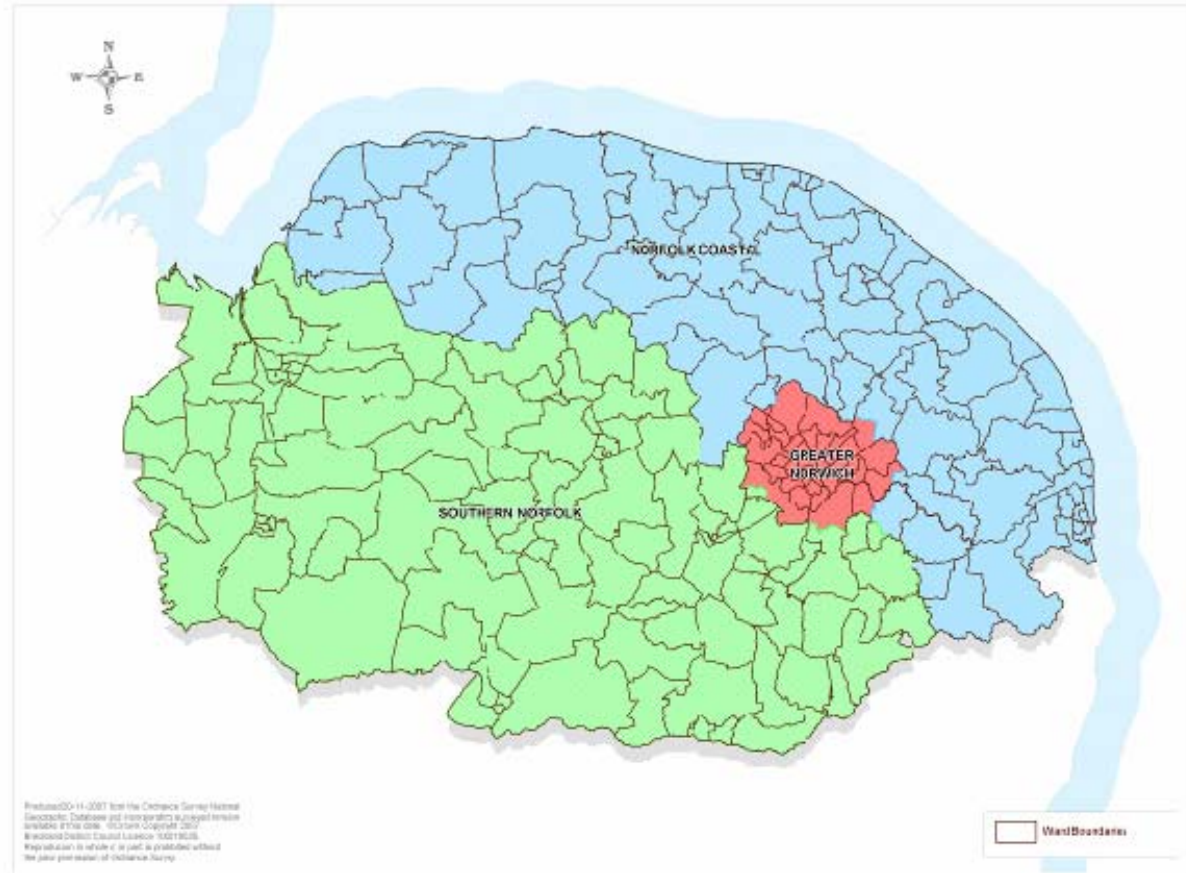


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3 x Unitary Proposal – Existing Ward Boundaries

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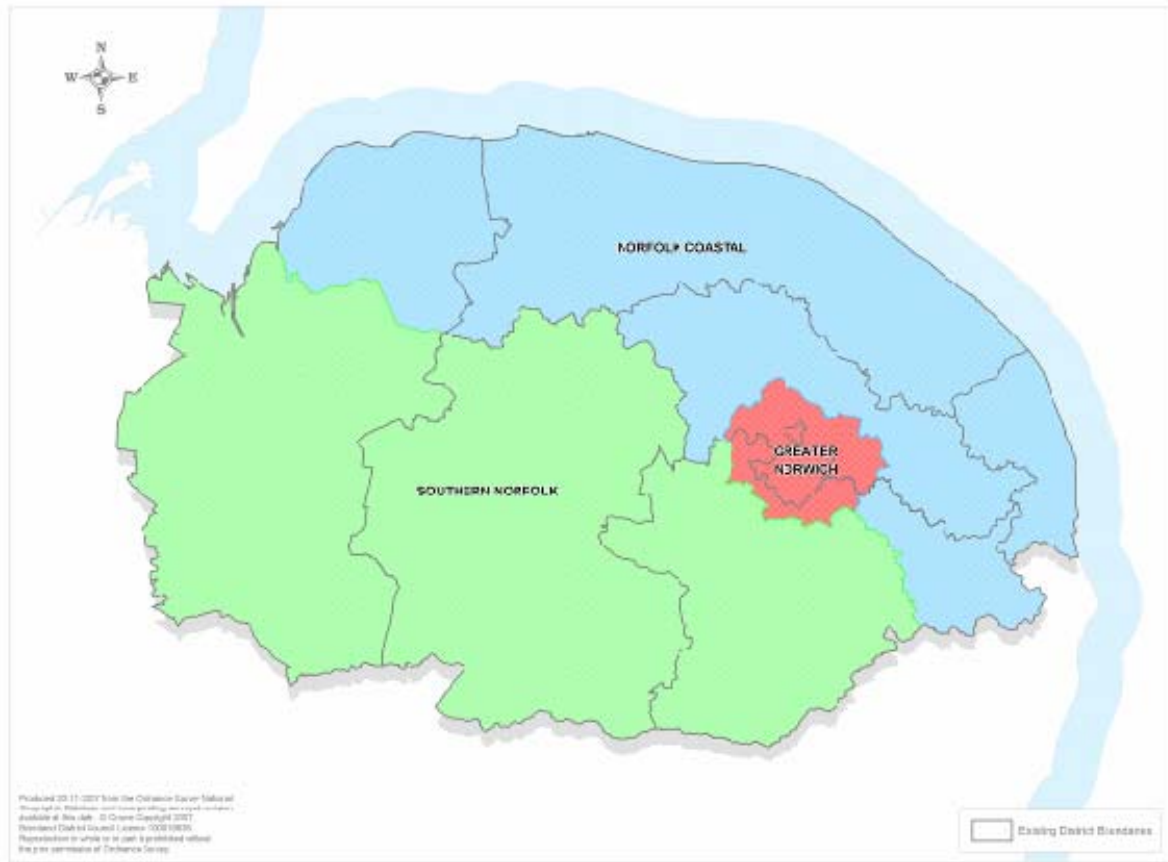
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Unitary Authority Tests

Affordability – the change represents both value for money and can be met from the council's existing resources.

Widespread Support – must have support from a range of key partners, stakeholders and service users / citizens.

Leadership – provides strong, effective and accountable strategic leadership.

Neighbourhood Empowerment – communities should have the power and resources to influence the decisions that affect them.

Value for Money Services – Services should be delivered effectively, efficiently and in an integrated and coherent way

Why Support a 3 x Unitary Option?

- Need to consider all options until full business cases produced
- Currently preliminary work suggests a three unitary solution is best
 - Comparable populations (**city** 220,000, **coastal** 278,000, **country** 318,000)
 - Minimal electoral change
 - County-wide solution
- Established sense of place / identity:
 - Three new authorities representing: the **city**, the **coast**, the **country**
 - Three new authorities of comparable size and strategic influence.
 - Three new authorities that are socially and economically coherent.

Why Support a 3 x Unitary Option?

- Market driven approach to service delivery
- Local democratic accountability
- Ability to meet local area needs
- Greater local empowerment
- Improved service levels
- Enhanced role for town and parish councils
- Increased value for money – shared services / collaboration

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Next Steps – Expected Timetable

Dec 07	Boundary Committee to review all submitted proposals
Jan 08	Boundary Committee to start formal review (following receipt of Terms of Reference from Secretary of State)
Mar 08	Boundary Committee to receive full business cases
Apr - Jul 08	Boundary Committee to review / analyse evidence and produce draft recommendations for Secretary of State
Aug 08	Boundary Committee to consult on draft recommendations including boundary issues
Dec 08	Boundary Committee to produce final recommendations and present to Secretary of State for final decision
Jan 09	Announcement expected from Secretary of State and orders provided to Boundary Committee to undertake electoral review
May 10	Elections for new authorities