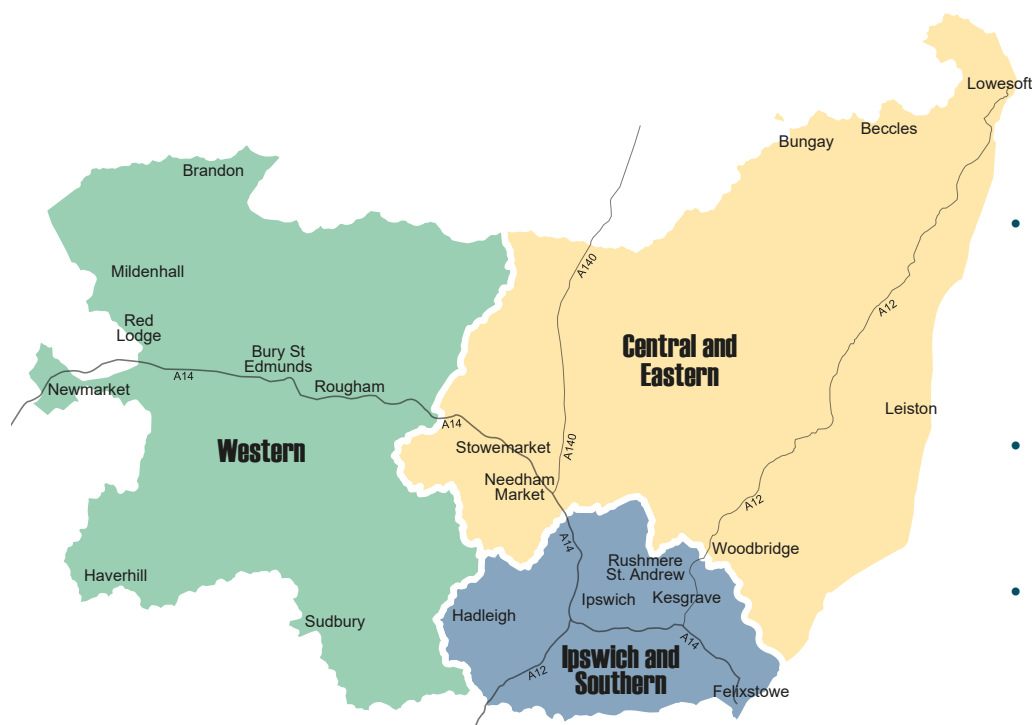


Three Councils for Suffolk - Residents' Summary

**Shaping
Suffolk
Together**



- Replacing current six councils with three unitary councils means one council providing all services where you live
- Councils that are big enough to deliver and local enough to care
- Three unitary councils will provide better services and cost less than the current system

Cumulative savings in first 5 years	Annual savings after 5 years	One off costs of change	Time to payback
£106m	£34m	£39m	£4.3 years

- Investing £20m every year in services tailored for local communities
- Net annual saving after investment of £14m after 5 years
- Additional £67.5m available from localising Adults and Children's Services

Local Children's & Adult Services drive improvement

Localised service in each council	Shared safeguarding arrangements	Drive to improve SEND provision	Improvements in care for vulnerable children and adults
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Reduction in both demand and cost through a local focus on prevention and early help



Releases £44.5m in Adult and £23m in Children's services after 5 years through a localised approach to provision

Other Services

Libraries – A single library service across the whole of Suffolk

Highways – local control over highways works and permissions

Licensing – decisions made by each unitary council

Bins – collected by your unitary council with joint disposal arrangements for economies of scale

Sports, leisure and culture – distinct to each council with its own provision

Trading Standards & Environmental Health – provided by each unitary council

Planning – decisions made by each unitary council with a Local Plan for each council

Housing & housing advice - provided by each unitary council

Parks & play areas maintained and managed locally

Impact on Council Tax

Council Tax is important to protect the services you use. In creating new councils there is a need to “equalise” the rate paid for each council tax band within each new council area.

In 2028/29

- Nobody pays more council tax than they would if councils weren't changing
- Some will have smaller increases than current councils were planning for, while we equalise what people pay for each band of property in each unitary council area
- Ipswich will have a new Town Council covering the existing Borough area, meaning £200 of the current Ipswich Borough Council Tax for a Band D property will be charged separately by the new Town Council for the services it will provide

From 2029/30 onwards everyone living in a Band D property in a council area will pay the same

Find out more

In November the Government will carry out a consultation on how many unitary councils to have in Suffolk.

The full Three Councils for Suffolk proposal can be found at www.threecouncilsforsuffolk.org or by following the QR code.

