LGR .
To confirm the reorganisation has been paused whilst the Government carries out a review.
This means that elections for the District Council will proceed under the existing organisation in May 2027.

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. a draft strategy for 2026- 2031 has been prepared

Subject to approval the draft strategy will be published for public consultation to seek views from residents , partners , people with lived experience.
Housing providers and other stakeholders in North Norfolk ,Feedback from the consultation will be considered before the strategy and action plan will be brought forward for adoption.
Homelessness demand has risen from 1018in 2019 to 1246 in 25/26.
Main Causes
Loss of private rented tenancy 29%
Exclusion by family and friends 22%
Domestic abuse 19%
Many households owed a duty also had additional support needs most common
To cope with the increase in domestic abuse , the council has launched a new initiative "ASK FOR ANNIE" with a trained team of confidential counsellors in place to cope with demand . for more information go to WWW.NORTH -NORFOLK.GOV.UK/ASK -FOR-ANNIE.

DOMESTIC FOOD WASTE
Collection will be delayed until early 2027.

MOBILE CONNECTIVITY
BT has set a deadline of Jan 29 for the switch over to the digital signal from the analogue signal . it is vital that residents that are dependant on landline only act now to secure their telephone service , a separate email has been circulated with contact details.

Preparation of New Local Plan.

Work has started on the new local plan, ward members and parish councillors have been invited to a teams meeting to discuss the planning standards that residents would wish to see in the new plan, I raised the issue of proposed housing developments in villages that have difficult road access within the village , Stibbard is a case in point with roads that are virtually single carriage way.

Kind Regards,
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