

BDC are having a staff conference at Trinity Park on Tuesday 23 June.

Local government reorganisation latest – workstreams and values

Planning the change from six councils to three will need the experience, knowledge and ideas of staff from all our councils.

There are currently nine main areas of work. Each one is led by a sponsor from the implementation board and is supported by workstream leads from across our councils. [This table shows the current themes, sponsors, workstreams and leads.](#)

During the current 'discovery phase' we are gathering information and building a clear picture of where we are now to help us understand what needs to be done over the next 22 months. The workstreams may change as this work develops. Many of you are already involved, and more support will be needed as the programme moves forward.

The implementation board has also agreed a set of six shared values. These will guide how all councils work together during this big change programme. They are:

- **People and place at the heart of everything we do** - we treat people with dignity and recognise the diversity of Suffolk's communities and workforce.
- **Shared endeavour** - we work together across councils, professions and backgrounds to deliver a shared task.
- **Integrity and trust** - we are open, honest and responsible. We build confidence through how we behave.
- **Courage to build something better** - we are ready to challenge, try new ideas and make difficult decisions for the future.
- **Focus on outcomes** - we focus on creating councils that work well, can cope with change and are sustainable.
- **Stewardship for the future** - we take care of this work on behalf of residents, councillors and future staff.

Reform challenge to LGR

You may have seen recent headlines about Suffolk County Council's new Reform administration writing to the Government to challenge the LGR process.

Suffolk County Council has said it will consider a judicial review if ministers do not provide more information and end the process.

However, this does not change the work currently underway. Even if judicial review proceedings follow, LGR implementation work will continue as planned, pending any court decision.

Thanks, as always, to everyone working to ensure day-to-day business carries on as usual throughout the LGR process, and residents and communities can continue to rely on our services.

Residents urged not to miss out on heating oil help

Our councils have joined forces with local Citizens Advice services to reach residents who may be missing out on financial help with heating oil – having already helped households unlock £100k in unclaimed benefits over the last year.

[Read the full story](#)

Nominate Suffolk's community heroes

Do you know of an individual or community group making a real difference in your community?

If you do, then it's time to nominate them for the upcoming Suffolk Community Awards 2026.

The awards shine a light on all those who go above and beyond to improve life in Suffolk and there are plenty of categories to choose from.

District Cllrs' report June 2026

[Visit the Suffolk Community Awards website](#) to find out more and submit a nomination. Closing date is 12th July 2026.

Men's Health Week

This week is Men's Health Week - a campaign which aims to encourage open conversations and help people find the support they need.

With this campaign in mind, our staff can access a range of resources to help with boosting both physical and mental health.

- **Men's health wellbeing webinar and toolkit**
Giving practical tips, expert insights and tools
[Find it anytime on the wellbeing hub](#)
- **Lunch and learn with local GPs**
Re-watch a recorded session with two GPs with advice and a Q&A
[Watch the recording](#)
- **24/7 GP helpline**
Speak to a GP anytime via the BHSF helpline - available to you and your close family
[Find the details on our staff benefits hub](#)

Local mental health support

Explore initiatives supporting men's mental health and tackling loneliness near you

[See the resources](#)