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Update regarding the Independent Local Government Commission for England Review of Norfolk County Council Divisions:

North Norfolk District Council has agreed its Cabinet proposal for submission. It can be found on pages 133-148 of the following document:

<https://modgov.north-norfolk.gov.uk/documents/g369/Public%20reports%20pack%2017th-Dec-2019%2018.00%20Council.pdf?T=10>

Norfolk County Council proposal will be on its website no later than the week proceeding full council which will meet on Monday 3rd February.

Norfolk Liberal Group submission should be available by coming Monday. Other submissions are expected but I do not have dates – watch the press.

The deadline for submission to LGBC remains at 11 February 2020. If you miss this date note below the opportunity to participate when the draft proposals are out.

As explained previously the LGBC is asking for your view on the electoral review of Norfolk County Council. The review will result in new divisional boundaries across the county. This is your opportunity to say where you think your divisional boundary should be – telling the commission where people in your area go to access local facilities; which areas you identify with as your local community. Look out for draft recommendations planned for May 2020 with a further consultation. Final recommendations are expected to be published in September 2020. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect at the local elections in 2021 and will last for years so have your say and check on the draft submissions. For more information and interactive maps visit: consultation.lgbce.org.uk and www.lgbce.org.uk.

Write to: Review Officer (Norfolk), LGBCE, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0TL
Email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk. Twitter @LGBCE Consultation.

Free Fire Safety Check for the vulnerable: I think this is sufficiently important to repeat the following: Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is offering free home fire risk checks to vulnerable residents, which includes fitting smoke alarms and helping people to plan an escape route from their home in the event of a fire. Visit the [Norfolk County Council website](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) and share this information with any of your family or friends who would benefit from this service.

Norwich Bus Station:

Good news for residents travelling via Norwich Bus Station who have made complaints as to the condition of its facilities. A revamp, delivered by a partnership between Norwich County Council, Norwich City Council and local authorities (TFN – transport for Norwich) will see toilets and waiting areas refurbished. Improvements are also to be made to external lighting and additional outdoor seating provided. Real-time bus service information will be available as TfN trial new voice-activated technology. The project will cost £995,000 from a share of a multi-million pound government pot. (There is no planned closure during the four-month work and temporary toilets will be available.)

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