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Devolution and what it could mean for our county

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**What is devolution?**

The Government currently controls where and how certain funding is spent in Suffolk. In December 2022, Suffolk County Council signed an in-principle agreement with the Government to transfer some of that control and funding to Suffolk:

- Level 3 deal
- Additional funding
- More local decision-making
- Greater profile and influence with Government

This is part of the Government's Levelling Up agenda.

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**The deal in numbers**

- Additional Investment Fund worth **£16m** per year for 30 years
- Local control of **£9.4m** Adult Education Budget each year
- £5.8m** one off funding to develop brownfield housing sites
- £3m** one off funding to expand Suffolk's Greener Homes 0% Loan Scheme to improve energy efficiency and renewable generation
- An integrated multi-year transport settlement

**£500m+**  
TOTAL over 30 years

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## £480m Investment Fund

Control over an investment fund worth £1.6m per year for thirty years  
Could be used to:

- Create new jobs
- Invest in new technologies
- Drive economic growth
- Plan for the long term
- Help people fulfil their potential

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## Adult Education Budget

Control of £9.4m annual Adult Education Budget from 2025 (currently centrally allocated)

Responsibility for commissioning adult education in Suffolk:

- Better targeted
- Closer, more focused collaboration with business and other partners
- Focus on the skills we need in Suffolk



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## Better transport links

Greater control of transport budgets  
Additional £250,000 per year for two years to finalise our local transport plan

Multi-year transport funding settlement

Could be used to:

- reduce carbon emissions from transport
- improve the bus offer in rural areas
- introduce smart/integrated ticketing
- reduce congestion



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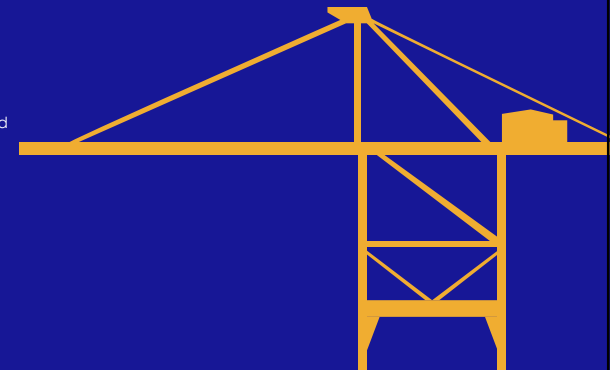
## Regeneration

£5.8m lump sum to unlock previously used land for regeneration

200+ brownfield sites in Suffolk could be appropriate for development


Redundant industrial land could become housing

Work collaboratively with D&Bs in line with Local Plans



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## Energy efficient homes

£3m one-off Government investment to expand SCC Greener Homes 0% Loan Scheme  
 Additional money to retrofit new technology or features to homes and improve energy efficiency  
 E.g. upgraded insulation, energy-efficient heating systems, better ventilation

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## Local decision-making


Suffolk County Council's leader would be directly elected by residents  
 First election in **May 2025** in line with next county council elections  
 No new levels of bureaucracy:

- The directly elected leader would be part of Suffolk County Council
- Existing decision-making arrangements would apply



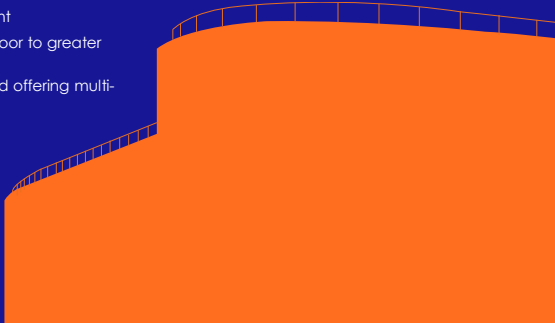
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## New opportunities for Suffolk

Devolution is a journey, not a one-off event  
 Experience shows devolution opens the door to greater powers and funding over time  
 4th level of devolution already announced offering multi-year funding and more influence




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## Devolution and what it could mean for our county

We will go to consultation on 18 March 2024.  
 Your input today will shape the consultation.  
**Any questions?**



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