

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period February to March 2026

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Designs have been finalised for the decarbonisation of the existing part of the Fakenham Sports Centre and the works have begun. This project is taking advantage of the construction of the new swimming pool on the site and is part-funded by a Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme grant.

Work continues on the online Norfolk Climate Change Partnership online home energy hub with content being finalised and navigation tested. Links to the new tools will be shared with members once complete, in the hope they can then share them with anyone interested in learning more about home energy improvements etc.

The team have attended various energy efficiency events across the district including the Community Outreach Positivitea events, Sustainability in Education event and a coffee morning at the Reef.



2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The Government has announced an extension of the ECO4 scheme, allowing existing funds to be used until December 2026. The Council continues to support residents in applying to this scheme.

Promotion of the current Norfolk Warm Homes scheme (Warm Homes: Local Grant) continues with additional households in Stalham and North Walsham auto-qualifying for the grant. Further information available at [Norfolk Warm Homes](#)

Final year UEA Environmental Science students are undertaking a comparison of carbon footprint reports produced by each Norfolk council on behalf of the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership. The work also involves a study of best practice in preparation for LGR.

3 Meetings attended