

Next steps agreed for Norwich western link

Monday's full county council EGM voted to endorse that morning's cabinet decision to proceed with next steps for the Norwich western link road.

A main contractor will now be appointed, and a business case submitted to the Department for Transport.

The Government is being asked to cover 85 per cent of the project's £198 million cost, leveraging vital national investment into the county. Under DfT criteria, the project represents "high value for money".

The proposed 3.8-mile road would link the Broadland Northway with the A47 and carry 30,000 vehicles per day.

An additional £22 million would be spent on environmental measures, including green bridges and wildlife underpasses, following extensive survey work.

A call has gone out this week for employers to back a new £800,000 project set to bring a welcome boost for young people taking their first steps on the career ladder.

Norfolk employers urged to pledge support for young people's careers

Launching this week, the Youth Pledge for Employers is a European Social Fund (ESF) funded project that aims to develop opportunities for young people to engage in work-based experiences with a wide range of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) across Norfolk and Suffolk.

Employers can get involved with the Youth Pledge at a range of different levels, from something as simple as pledging to provide an hour's talk or a site visit, right the way through to offering an apprenticeship or a job.

To get the Youth Pledge project underway, the team are looking for businesses interested in hosting work inspiration events, such as giving a talk, or hosting a virtual tour of a workplace for young people in their local area.

To find out more and make a Youth Pledge, businesses are urged to visit:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/youthpledge

Norfolk's composting special offer set to cut 225 tonnes of waste

Norfolk CC are selling discounted compost bins at Norfolk Recycling Centres in a drive to make the county greener.

With more than a third of the contents of people's bins at home made up of waste that could be composted, the aim is to make it easier for people to join the thousands of others who have already discovered the benefits of composting.

This composting campaign is about reducing and recycling waste and complements the ongoing FoodSavvy project which aims to help people cut their food waste. Composting further reduces the amount we put in our bins, and recycles the waste into really useful compost for our house and garden plants.

The campaign aims to sell 1,500 cut price home compost bins online and through recycling centres, meaning that an additional 225 tonnes of waste will be composted at home each year.

Products available: 220 litre black bins at £10, 330 litre black bins at £12.50, 220 litre green bins at £12, 330 litre green bins at £14.50, Bokashi twin pack at £15, Plus buy one compost bin get one half price.