

## North Norfolk District Council's Deputy Leader wins award

North Norfolk District Council (NNDC) Deputy Leader, Rhodri Oliver, was named 'Young Councillor of the Year' at the annual Councillor Achievement Awards ceremony, held at Westminster City Hall in London on Tuesday 25 March.

Judges at the annual achievement awards, organised by the LGiU and CCLA (Local Government Information Unit), awarded Councillor Oliver for 'setting a fantastic example for young people in politics'. They went on to comment on how they were 'impressed that Councillor Oliver has achieved a leadership position at a very young age'.

North Norfolk District Council Leader, Tom FitzPatrick, said: "I was delighted to be at Westminster City Hall to see Councillor Oliver receive his award as 'Young Councillor of the Year'. He is a great example of how young people in Local Government can really make an impact and I believe his success will encourage many others to consider how they too can get involved in making a difference within their own communities.

"He is the youngest deputy leader in the country, a position he achieved solely on merit and I regard him as a one of NNDC's most valuable assets.

"He makes a huge contribution as a member of the Cabinet and as a local Member for Sheringham South Ward. His work to gain funding for a skate park for Sheringham and to ensure improvement works were made to Sheringham Little Theatre has proved that he has a lot to offer residents of north Norfolk in what I hope will be a long and rewarding career in politics."

Councillor Oliver became the youngest deputy leader in the country at the age 22 in January 2013.

