

One Somerset Feedback Form

The Councils within Somerset have been assessing the potential opportunities for a revised approach to future Local Government in Somerset. For two years there have been regular discussions between the Chief Executives and the Leaders of all five Somerset authorities, culminating in the commission and subsequent publication of an independent options appraisal.

All Councils agreed that the existing arrangements are not working well and that the current situation cannot continue as currently configured without change. However, the current two-tier Councils could not agree on a single option for what that future will be.

Alongside residents and businesses we are interested to understand what Somerset's Town and Parish Councils think about the re-organisation of local government across the County. This short form is designed to get your initial feedback, but there will be further opportunities for your Councils to provide a more detailed response to this proposal, as the debate progresses.

Your responses are being reviewed by Cognisant Research, an independent market research agency, who will be providing Somerset County Council with a summary report.

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Q1

Are you completing this form as an individual or on behalf of your Town and Parish Council?

On behalf of my Town or Parish Council

As an individual

Q2

What is the name of the Town or Parish Council you are involved with?

Q3

Which description best described your role

Town Councillor

Parish Councillor

Clerk

Other

Q4

Were you aware before today of the proposal to create a single Somerset unitary authority?

Yes

No

Q5

What benefits do you believe could come from the proposal to create one Council for Somerset, delivering the services currently provided by the County and four District Councils?

Q6

What concerns do you have about the proposal to create one Council for Somerset, delivering the services currently provided by the County and four District Councils?

Q7

Considering the four possible outcomes below for the future of local government in Somerset, which of the following would be your preference:

Remain 'as is'

The existing county and four district councils (Somerset CC, Mendip DC, Sedgemoor DC, Somerset West & Taunton DC, South Somerset DC) working more closely through greater collaboration

Creation of a new single-tier unitary council

Unsure

Q8

Can you explain the reason for your answer?