



Langport Town Council

Local Government Reorganisation

- i. Supporting the Seven recommendations on the role of Parish Councils in the event of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Somerset

Recommended

That Langport Town Council support the Seven Recommendations in the LGR report compiled by SALC and SLCC

Background

It has been agreed that a change is needed to the existing form of Local Government in Somerset. At present Local Government in Somerset is provided by a three tier system - Somerset County Council, the four District Councils and parish and town councils. A firm proposal for the future has not been agreed.

Options include: Remain as is, create a single-tier unitary council or the existing councils to work closer together.

Why is change needed?

Somerset faces a number of challenges ahead. Disadvantaged children, providing services for young and older people, the local economy and environment. To meet these challenges local government needs to work with health services, fire service, businesses, further/higher education, central government, local communities and volunteers.

How can Town and Parish councils be involved?

Town and Parish councils can choose to have a more enhanced role. They can run local services, acquire local assets and make decisions locally. There will be a new relationship between local councils, the community and volunteer sectors.

The report was commissioned by Somerset Association of Local Councils and the Somerset branch of the Society of Local Councils with input from local Town Clerks.

By supporting this report Town and Parish councils' voices will be heard during the planning stage and decisions made reflecting what is best for our sector and the communities we serve.

- ii. Completing the One Somerset survey

Recommended

That Langport Town Council complete the survey.
Councillors can also complete it as an individual.

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