



# Shaping your council's future

# Supporting guide to Local Government Reorganisation



# About



- This document is from Lichfield District Council and aims to support you in understanding and sharing your views on Local Government Reorganisation.
- The UK government is looking at changing the way local services are provided.
- The UK government has asked local councils to come up with an idea of how to do this in Staffordshire.
- This document explains the UK government's idea and how we think it can work in Southern and Mid Staffordshire.

# What is Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)?



- At the moment, Staffordshire has:
  - **1 county council**, which provides and manages services that are linked across the County, like schools, social services and roads.
  - **8 district & borough councils**, which provide and manage more local services, like helping people with housing, waste collection, planning and more.
- The UK government's idea is to replace the 9 councils in Staffordshire with a smaller number of **unitary councils**.
- **Unitary councils** are bigger councils that provide and manage all services in an area.
- This idea is called **Local Government Reorganisation**

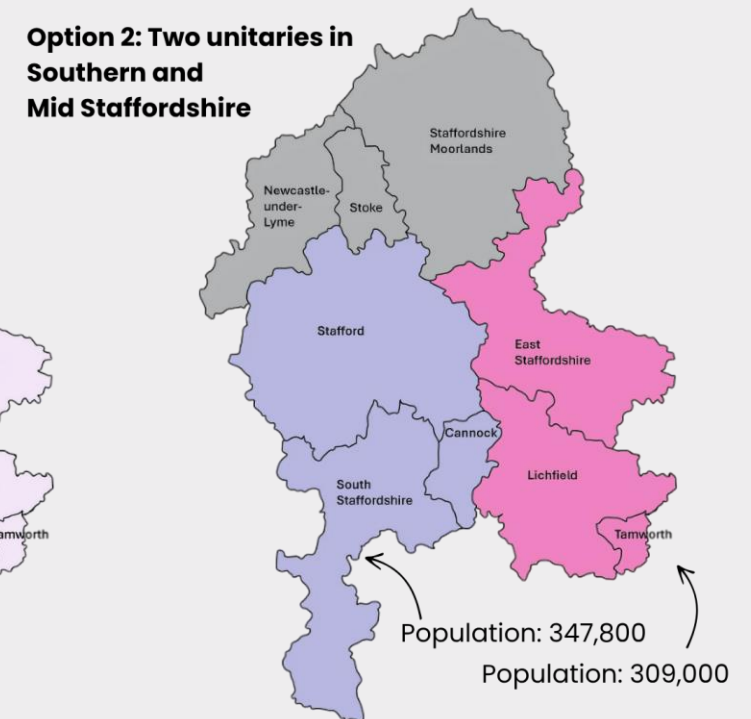
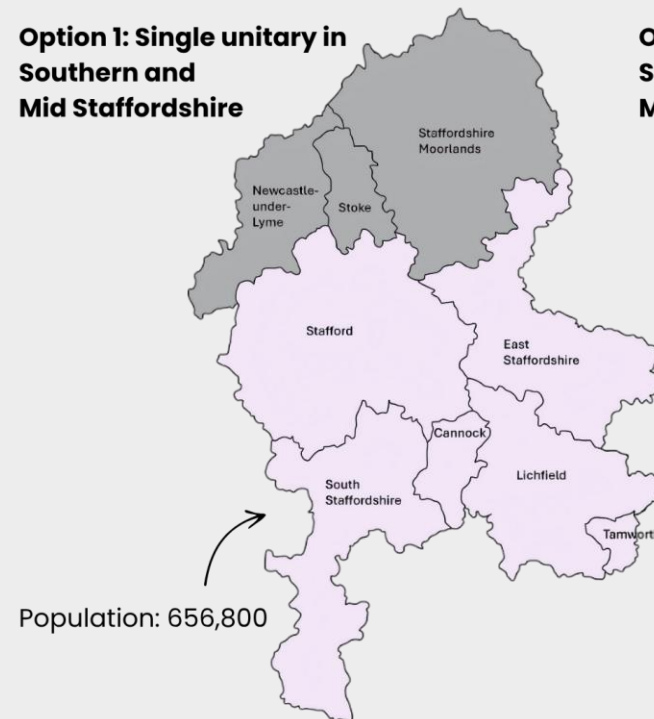
# What have we been asked to do?



- The UK government has asked all councils in Staffordshire to work on potential proposals for Local Government Reorganisation.
- Lichfield District Council is working with **five other local councils** across **Southern and Mid Staffordshire** to look at changing how local services are provided.
- The guidance provided to us is to look at establishing a single tier of local government with a population of up to or around 500,000.

# What do we think?

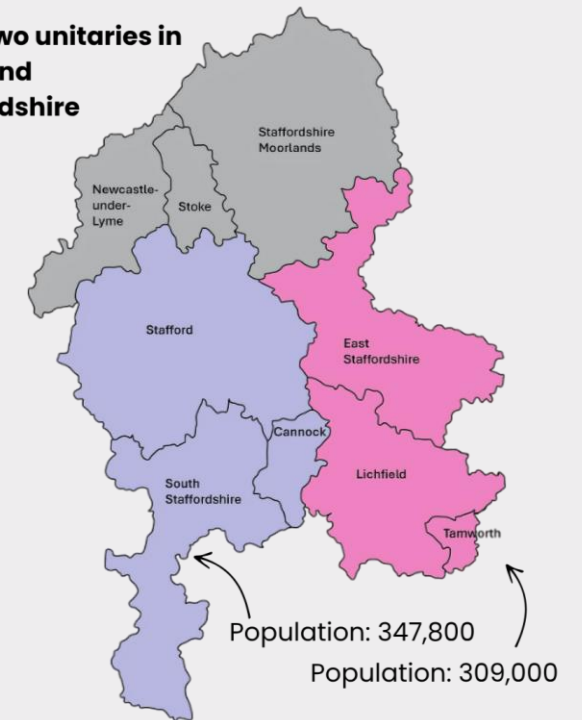
- Staffordshire could be split into a total of **2 or 3 unitary councils**, with one being in the North, and then Southern and Mid Staffordshire have 1 or 2 unitary councils.
- Each council will **provide all services** for the area they are in charge of.
- This is instead of the services being split between county and district councils.



# What do we think?

- Here at Lichfield District Council, we are voting in favour of having three unitary councils across Staffordshire. We believe this will ensure:
  - Closer alignment with **community identity** and geography for residents
  - **Local Government remains local**, and continues to be visible, accessible and knowledgeable about their patch.
  - Better **access** to and responsiveness from **public services**, with residents being closer to decision makers and better tailored to the needs of local people.
  - This structure allows for stronger, more **locally accountable governance** while still achieving the efficiencies of reorganisation.

Option 2: Two unitaries in  
Southern and  
Mid Staffordshire





# What does this mean for you?



The idea of LGR means it should:

- Make services **simpler and easier to access**
- Help you **know who to contact**
- Join up services like housing, health, transport and care
- Save money and run more efficiently

If a new council is created, this could affect:

- How and when your bins are collected
- Who looks after your roads and schools
- How you get support with housing, care, and community services
- How local decisions are made in your area

# What do you think?



- We want to make sure Local Government Reorganisation is done right.
- So, we would like to know what you think about the services that are important to you.
- Knowing about what services are important to you will help us to plan Local Government Reorganisation.
- You can tell us what you think by answering the questions in our online survey, or joining one of our engagement events.
- You have until 1 September 2025.



# Our survey

**Take the survey**