

# Changes to local councils in Hampshire and the Solent.



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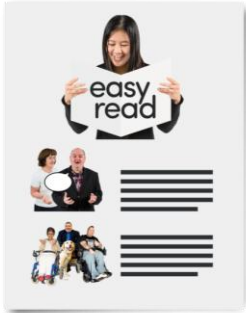
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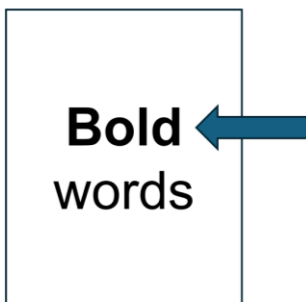
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It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



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- someone in your family or a friend
- a support worker or a carer.



Some words are in **bold** – this means the writing is thicker and darker.

Bold words are harder to understand, so we explain what they mean.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

# About this document

This document tells you about:



- A change called Local Government Reorganisation



- A decision made by Government about new councils in your area



- What will happen next

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# What is Local Government Reorganisation?



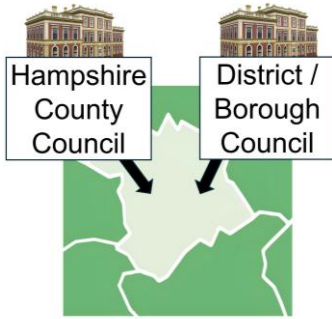
There are 15 councils in Hampshire and the Solent area.

These councils provide public **services**.

**Services** include things like:

- helping people find safe places to live
- collecting bins and keeping streets clean
- fixing roads, streetlights and managing parking
- keeping children safe and supporting families
- helping older people and disabled adults
- looking after parks, libraries and community places



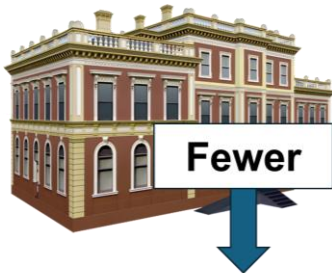


Some areas have **'two-tier'** councils, which means Hampshire County Council delivers some **services**, and district or borough councils deliver other **services** in the same area.



Southampton, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight have **unitary** councils.

**Unitary** means that 1 council runs all council **services** in 1 area.



The Government wants to make things simpler by reducing the number of councils in Hampshire and the Solent area.



This change is called **Local Government Reorganisation**.



You can find more information about Local Government Reorganisation on our website:

[www.hants.gov.uk/lgr](http://www.hants.gov.uk/lgr)

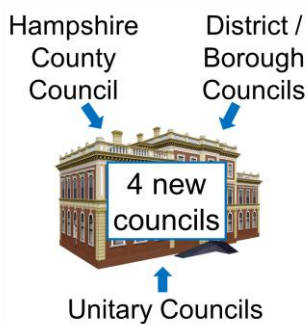
# What is happening now?



The Government has now decided what the new councils in Hampshire and the Solent will look like.



In 2028, 4 new councils will cover Hampshire, Southampton, and Portsmouth.



These new councils will take over all **services** that used to be run by:

- Hampshire County Council
- District and borough councils
- The **unitary** councils in Southampton and Portsmouth.



The Isle of Wight will stay as it is now, with its own **unitary** council.

No changes

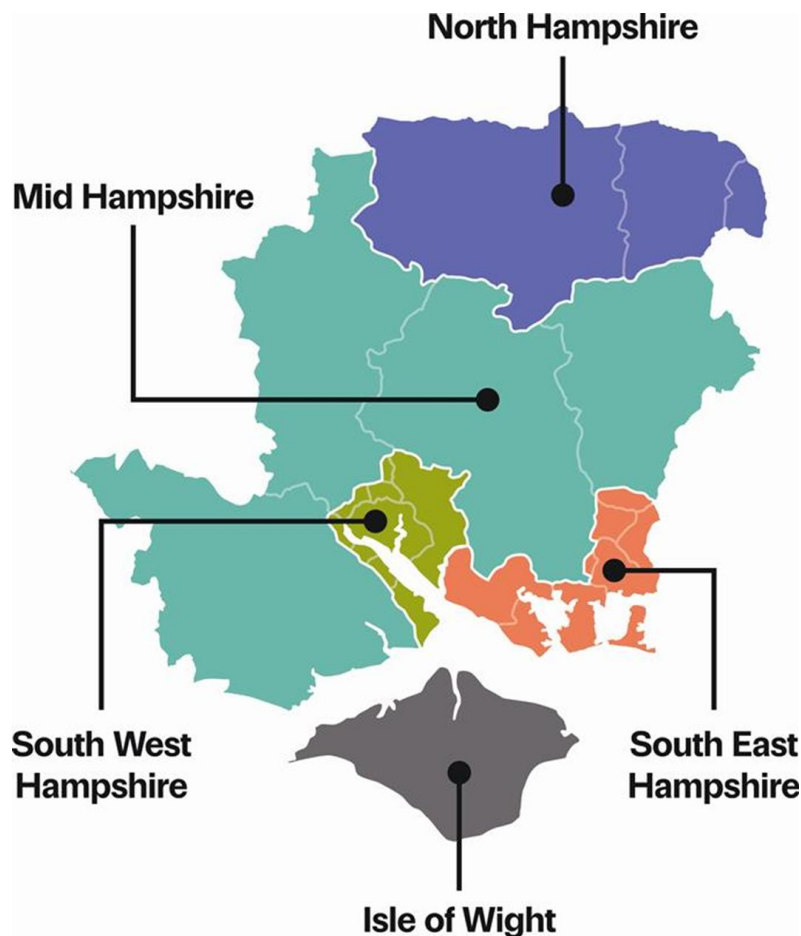
This means:



From 2028, there will be 5 councils who look after the Hampshire and the Solent area.

# What will the new councils look like?

The map and table here show which of the current councils will join together to form each new council.



New council.	These current councils will join together.
North Hampshire.	Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor.
Mid Hampshire.	New Forest, Test Valley, Winchester and East Hampshire.
South West Hampshire.	Eastleigh and Southampton, plus the parishes of Totton and Eling, Marchwood, Hythe and Dibden, Fawley, Chilworth, Nursling, Rownhams and Valley Park.
South East Hampshire.	Portsmouth, Havant, Gosport and Fareham, plus the parishes of Newlands, Clanfield, Horndean and Rowlands Castle.
Isle of Wight.	Isle of Wight.

# How will the new councils be created?

Hampshire County Council



**Services** from Hampshire County Council will be separated and shared between the new councils.

District / Borough and City Councils



**Services** from district and borough councils, and from Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils, will need to be brought together.



We are already working with other councils to plan this change.



These new councils will be ready to start in 2028.

# What this means for you now.



Nothing changes yet. All the **services** we provide will continue as normal for the time being.



If anything changes in how your service is provided, we will tell you.



You can still contact us in the same way as before.



# What happens when the new councils start.

When the new councils start:



- Many **services** will stay very similar, just provided by a new council.



- Some things might change, but changes will be planned carefully.



- We will let you know if you need to do anything differently.

# Glossary

## Services

Council **services** include things like:



- helping people find safe places to live



- collecting bins and keeping streets clean



- fixing roads, streetlights and managing parking



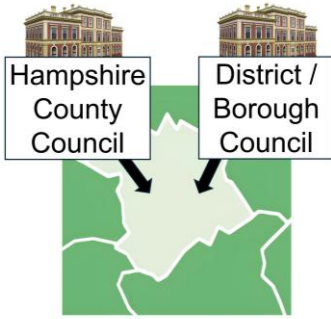
- keeping children safe and supporting families



- helping older people and disabled adults



- looking after parks, libraries and community places



## Two-tier councils

**Two-tier** councils means there is one large County Council and a group of district or borough councils who all deliver services in the same area.



## Unitary councils

**Unitary** means that 1 council runs all council services in 1 area.

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