

Changes to local councils in Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.



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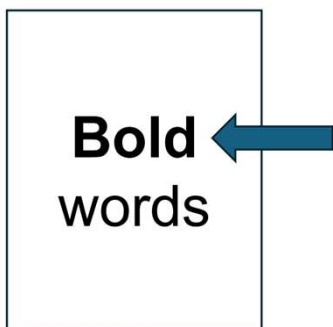
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It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



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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.



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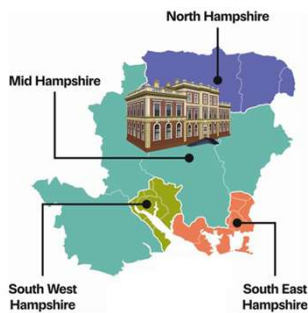
About this document

This document tells you about:



- A change called local government reorganisation

New councils in 2028



- New councils that will be created in your area in 2028



- What will happen next

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What is local government reorganisation?



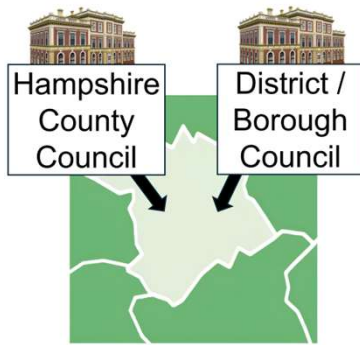
Right now, there are 14 councils across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.

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



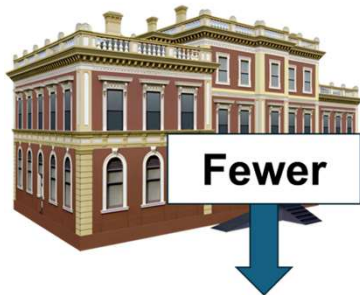


Some areas have **‘two-tier’** councils, which means Hampshire County Council delivers some **services**, and district or borough councils deliver other **services** in the same area.



Portsmouth and Southampton have **unitary** councils.

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



The UK government wants to make things simpler by reducing the number of councils across Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton.



This change is called **local government reorganisation**.



You can find more information about local government reorganisation on our website:

www.futurehampshire.gov.uk

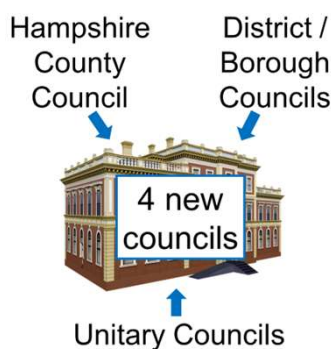
What is happening now?



The UK government has now decided what the new councils will look like.



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



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 Portsmouth and Southampton.

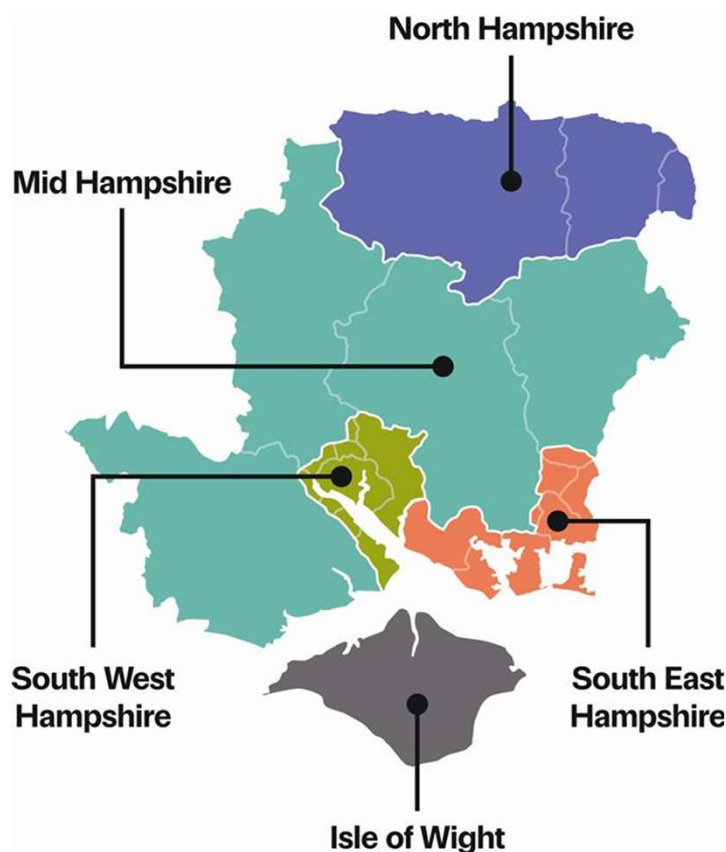


No changes

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

What will the new councils look like?

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



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

These changes will not affect Isle of Wight council

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 Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils, will need to be brought together.



All the councils are already working together to plan this change.



This work is called **Future Hampshire**.



The new councils will be ready to start in 2028.

What this means for you now.



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



You will be told if there are any changes to your service.



You can still contact your current council in the same ways 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.



- You will be told 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



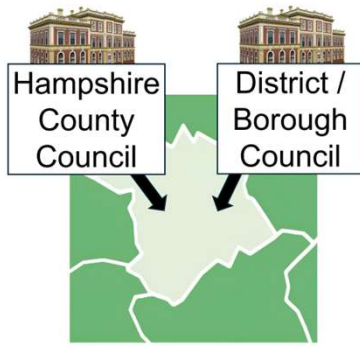
- keeping children safe and supporting families



- 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.



Future Hampshire

Future Hampshire is the name for the work being done by all the current councils together to create the new councils.



Basingstoke
and Deane



FAREHAM
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Havant
BOROUGH COUNCIL



Hampshire
County Council



New Forest
DISTRICT COUNCIL



Portsmouth
CITY COUNCIL

RUSHMOOR
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CITY COUNCIL

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Borough Council



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City Council

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