

Letter to Local Partners and Stakeholders

Via Email

Monday, 23rd June 2025

Local Government Reorganisation for Staffordshire

Six district and borough local authorities in Southern and Mid Staffordshire have been collaborating to develop plans for Local Government Reorganisation, exploring the right footprint for single tier government across Staffordshire, as requested by Central Government as part of a national programme. The local authorities working together to develop these plans are Cannock Chase District Council; East Staffordshire Borough Council Lichfield District Council; South Staffordshire District Council; Stafford Borough Council; and Tamworth Borough Council.

We believe that any solution should meet local needs and be informed by local views, enabling stronger community engagement and neighbourhood empowerment given the envisaged much larger geographic footprint. It should be capable of securing efficiencies and improving capacity whilst ensuring we are providing high quality and sustainable public services and providing growth opportunities.

We submitted an interim plan to Central Government in March 2025, which set out some principles for reorganisation and we have now received our feedback. The plan and feedback can be found on our **dedicated Local Government Reorganisation webpage**. We are evaluating our preferred option and assessing the benefits that it will deliver, which will inform our final proposal for submission to Central Government. Alongside this we will be commencing resident and wider stakeholder engagement.

We recognise it is vital to consider the views of those who live and work across Staffordshire and It is vitally important that our proposal ensures we can continue to work together with shared priorities and joint service delivery – as we currently do today.

Over the coming months there will be opportunities to be involved, and we will share more details about our plans in the future. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss this further, we would be happy to meet to discuss any elements of the reorganisation.

Yours sincerely,

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