

## Appendix 2

HM Government is putting forward five proposals for local government reorganisation to a statutory consultation period of about 7 weeks. All proposals listed below can be found at: [Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Local Government Reorganisation Hub](#).

The Government's intended timeline for decision-making is set out below. It is noted that this is viewed by Government as an ambitious timeline, so may be subject to change.

- February 2025 – Government invited councils to submit proposals for local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- From March 2025 – Interim plans were agreed and submitted by local councils
- November 2025 – Final proposals were submitted to government
- February 2026 – HM Government's statutory consultation launched
- Summer 2026 – Government decision on reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
- May 2027 - Elections to new shadow unitary councils
- April 2028 – New unitary councils 'go live'

### **1. East Staffordshire and West Staffordshire Unitary Councils**

This proposal divides the county into two authorities—east and west:

- West Staffordshire, consisting of the existing boroughs and districts of Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford, Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire
- East Staffordshire, consisting of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire Moorlands, East Staffordshire, Tamworth and Lichfield.

### **2. Creation of four new unitary councils for Staffordshire**

This model proposes **four unitary authorities**, creating smaller, more localised authorities:

- A unitary council covering Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Moorlands
- A unitary council covering the existing boundaries of Newcastle-under-Lyme
- A unitary council covering East Staffordshire, Lichfield and Tamworth

### **3. Creation of a North Staffordshire Unitary Council and a Southern & Mid-Staffordshire Unitary Council**

This option would divide the county into two unitary authorities:

- North Staffordshire: Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire Moorlands

- Southern & Mid Staffordshire: Stafford, East Staffordshire, Cannock Chase, South Staffordshire, Tamworth, Lichfield

#### **4. North Staffordshire and Southern & Mid-Staffordshire (Variant with Boundary Changes required)**

A variation of proposal 3, this model also creates two unitaries, but introduces adjusted boundaries.

The two authorities would be:

- North Staffordshire: Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire Moorlands, Stoke-on-Trent and parts of Stone (currently Stafford) and Uttoxeter (currently East Staffordshire)
- Southern & Mid-Staffordshire: Stafford (without Stone), East Staffordshire (without Uttoxeter), Cannock Chase, South Staffordshire, Tamworth, Lichfield

#### **5. North Staffordshire, South East Staffordshire, and South West Staffordshire Unitary Councils**

This model proposes three unitary councils:

- North Staffordshire authority: Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Moorlands
- A unitary council covering Stafford, Cannock Chase and South Staffordshire
- A unitary council covering East Staffordshire, Tamworth and Lichfield