



South Godstone Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes – 25 July 2025 at 8pm
At The Pavilion, Lagham Road, South Godstone

1. Apologies for absence
Chris Boughton, Andy Janaway, Julie Jones
 2. Present
Colin Anderson, Pat Brown, Susan Clark (Secretary), Mike Crane (Chair), John Farnaby, Colin White
 3. Welcome to visitors
 - a. Alban Brindle, Chair of Godstone Village Association ('GVA')
 4. Minutes of meeting 24 April 2025
Taken as read and signed by Mike as a true and accurate record of the meeting
 5. Matters arising
None
 6. Chairman's Report
 - a. Jeff Burrell has tendered his resignation from the Committee. Mike wanted to thank Jeff for his many years on the Committee during some of which time he has been our Treasurer and worked tirelessly on Speedwatch within South Godstone.
 7. Treasurer's report
John advised Barclays has finally updated the signatures on the account and he now has access online. Only Mike and John have access to the account at Barclays, either can login electronically and both are signatories with former Treasurer Sarah Reynolds' name removed from the account.
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| Monies held: | |
| In the bank | £1,115.72 |
| Petty cash | <u>£131.61</u> |
| Total | <u>£1,247.33</u> |
8. Secretary's report
 - a. Email distribution list – now that John has online access to the bank account, he has worked with Susan to ascertain if those with expired annual memberships renewed. None have and we have had no new members since our AGM in November 2024.

Susan will prepare and circulate, with the draft minutes, a proposed wording to be sent to those on our email distribution list who are not members advising that we will not be circulating information to non members effective 1 November 2025 and inviting recipients of the email to

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take out an annual membership at a cost of £10 per household.

9. Publicity

a. Facebook

Colin advised nothing to report, no new members. Focus remains on members' post approvals before such go live on our Facebook account

b. Godstone and South Godstone magazine

We did not submit any editorial for the July edition

c. RH9 Magazine

We have not submitted anything for a while but we will be submitting in advance of and to promote our AGM

d. Website

Our website was setup in June 2022. Since then, we have had

in excess of 5,000 page "hits"
 9,000 page views
 200 contact forms submitted

It was agreed that a full review of the website now needs to be carried out to check details are current and the website generally reflects the community within South Godstone. To this end, John will contact each committee member asking them to work with one other committee member to review two pages on the website and feed back to him any comments or observations

10. SGRA Fund Raiser

The Committee did not feel any different types of event were viable at this time and there were discussions regarding what would be the purpose of any additional monies raised.

Mike advised we need more input from the whole Committee for future events, not to just leave it to a small number of Committee members to arrange, promote, setup, clear away.

The GVA arranges two events annually. The idea is to break even, but there are no major concerns if there is a loss since the arranged events are for the community as a whole

We understand The Lagham public House (recently changing name again from Veru Spice) on A22 in South Godstone is hosting entertainment events so there

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is local competition to anything we might arrange.

It was suggested we put a post on both the SGRA Facebook and South Godstone Facebook pages asking residents what sort of events the residents would be interested in attending and supporting. Would another comedy night be welcomed for instance (possibility of March 2026 to allow for planning and promotion)

11. AGM 2025

Our intended date of 28 November needs to be altered to 21 November 2025

12. Godstone Village Association report

- a. Development and planning (see website <https://tdcplanningsearch.tandridge.gov.uk/> and enter the reference number)
 - i. 2025/603 at 87 High Street, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8DT for Demolition of modern extensions and change of use of existing hotel to form 4no. dwellings, erection of 5no. dwellings on surrounding land, and associated alterations to access and parking
 - ii. 2025/618/EIA at Land West Of Godstone, Surrey for Erection of up to 250 residential dwellings (all matters reserved besides access) with associated access, landscaping, and infrastructure on land west of Godstone in Surrey. (Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening Opinion in accordance with Regulation 6 The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (as amended)

For ease of identification – this site is centred at Grid Reference 534754 (Easting), 152394 (Northing) is located to the north-west of the village of Godstone and extends to approximately 11.72 hectares (ha). The Site comprises an irregularly shaped open grassed field that is used for grazing / silage production, a junction taken from the B2235 Godstone Hill and onward private haul road (which is under ownership of the Applicant) associated with the North Park Quarry, located 900m to the south-west of the Site. The north of the Site is bound by well-established woodland, beyond which is the M25 Motorway. The majority of the eastern boundary of the Site is adjoined by fenced gardens, associated with existing properties comprising the village of Godstone. The B2235 Godstone Hill is further afield. The south of the Site is bound by further well-established woodland, beyond which lies a reservoir (known as East Reservoir, located approximately 60m to the south of the Site). Finally, west of the Site is bound by a landscaped bund, beyond which lies a belt of well-established trees and a private access track

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to the operational North Park Quarry.

- iii. 150 homes proposed in the Quarry on A22 Bletchingley Road (technically in the parish of Bletchingley)
- iv. Possible development of 250 homes on field adjacent to The Godstone Inn

These developments, in conjunction with the existing stock in Godstone and South Godstone, will increase the property stock by 22%.

- b. A25 High Street, Godstone road collapse
Alban advised Surrey County Council intends to build/reinstate a footpath to join the north and southern sides of the works zone allowing residents to move more easily around the village.

All businesses, with the exception of A Plus Supermarket, are trading but existing through local support

The village is divided in two until the road situation is resolved

More surveying by Surrey County Council has been carried out but there has been no update from Surrey on what is happening.

- 13. Full fibre broadband report
Openreach has full fibre now on offer in Hunters Chase. It would appear that other roads in South Godstone may soon have the option of full fibre as opposed to fibre to the cabinet.

Lagham Road is currently being worked on whilst we understand Lagham Park may have full fibre by the end of the year.

- 14. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)
LGR is a Government scheme that is not driven either by County or District and Borough councils. Whether we, the residents, like it or not, it will happen under this Government since Surrey is in the fast track group of local authorities under LGR.

Some areas in the country have already been through LGR with the new structure being established whilst others will follow in due course.

In the next few months, all District and Borough Councils, along with the County Council, will disappear and become a number of Unitary Authorities which is being determined by Government. The number of Unitaries is expected to be

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confirmed in October 2025.

Unitary Elections are expected in May 2026. Shadow Unitary officers will work May 2026 to May 2027 alongside the current County and District and Borough Councils with the Unitaries taking over fully in May 2027.

Nine out of eleven District and Boroughs would like three Unitaries
Two Districts and Boroughs along with Surrey County Council would like two Unitaries
Reigate and Banstead wanted to merge with Crawley which would have meant Tandridge was isolated from the rest of Surrey but this merger was rejected by Government.

Surrey County Council's proposal was a Unitary comprising:
Tandridge, Reigate and Banstead, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley and Elmbridge in one Unitary with the other Unitary comprising Spelthorne, Runnymede, Woking, Surrey Heath, Guildford, Waverley.

There are pros and cons on both two and three Unitary Authorities but the key argument has been regarding the saving of money. It is unclear whether the huge amount of work and cost in preparation for the restructure will be outweighed by the costs incurred for running multiple Unitary Authorities.

The Government had sought responses from those affected by LGR through its website (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-surrey>) by 5 August 2025 and there was discussion within the Committee about how to best draw residents' attention to this. Whilst a leaflet drop to all homes was a possibility, it was felt impractical due to the shortness of time so an email to all on the distribution list, a post on our Facebook page were considered to be the most appropriate. Mike will draft a suitable wording to be circulated.

15. Development and planning in South Godstone (see website <https://tdcplanningsearch.tandridge.gov.uk/> and enter the reference number)
 - a. 2025/332 - Land To Rear Of 1 Woodlands Drive, South Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8HU
Subdivision of site and erection of a three bedroom detached bungalow at rear of no.1 Woodlands Drive, Godstone.

Some objections have been raised by neighbours. Surrey County Council has also raised questions. There are access issues due to the vehicular passage across the verge and footway

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- b. 2025/305 - Ambulance Station, Lagham Road, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8HB
Erection of 6 dwellings following the demolition of the existing building.

It was believed a decision on this application would be made soon.

It was possible there is a covenant to prevent housing being built at this location. Mike has spoken with the developer regarding the mature trees at the rear of the development which the developer is not proposing to include in the site but offer to St Stephen's Primary School as a forest school.

- c. 2025/357 - Posterngate Farm, Eastbourne Road, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8EL
Removal of mixed commercial buildings and associated structures and areas of hardstanding and dwelling known as Flint Barn and redevelopment with eight dwellings, served from existing access to Hart's Lane; stopping up of two existing accesses to the A22 Eastbourne Road and replacement with new soft landscaping; provision of other new hard and soft landscaping and open space; foul and surface water drainage systems; and other works.

Mike hasn't received and is not aware of any objections.

- d. 2025/554/NH - Bramble Hatch, Carlton Road, South Godstone, Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8LE
Construction of single-storey rear extension which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8.00 metres, for which the maximum height would be 3.90 metres, and for which the height of the eaves would be 2.80 metres (Notification of a Proposed Larger Home extension). The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 1, Class A.

Mike has not reviewed the documentation for this application.

- e. 2025/487/EIA - Land At South Godstone, Tandridge,
EIA Screening Opinion (residential development of up to 200 dwellings and a commercial unit, with associated public open space, surface water drainage and infrastructure).

Mike understands outline planning permission has been sought but the application is not yet on the planning portal.

If the outline planning permission (reference 2025/815) is approved, this

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does not necessarily mean a detailed application would be approved.

16. Any other business

- a. Godstone Neighbourhood Plan – John, on behalf of Godstone Parish Council, has asked the consultant to submit the Plan through to TDC so it can be circulated to residents and businesses within Godstone Parish for consultation and, eventually, to be made.

17. Next meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 26 September at 8pm** at South Godstone Sports and Community Association's location (The Pavilion, Lagham Road).

Future meetings are:

21 November 2025 – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

21/9/25

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The government has launched a [consultation on Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey](#). We encourage you to give your views because this is the only opportunity for the public to comment on the proposals.

The consultation is open to all residents, businesses, voluntary groups and local organisations.

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The consultation closes on **Tuesday 5 August**.

A decision from the government is expected in October.

Background

On 5 February, the government confirmed Surrey is among the first areas for local government reorganisation. The current two tier system, where services are split between Surrey County Council and district and borough

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councils like Tandridge, will be replaced with unitary councils, which handle all local services.

We have worked with other Surrey councils to submit a proposal for the creation of these new unitary councils.

Final proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey

We support creating three unitary councils to replace the current two-tier system of local government. The proposed three unitary councils would look like this:

New unitary authority	Former district and boroughs
East Surrey	Tandridge, Epsom & Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead.
North Surrey	Elmbridge, Runnymede, Spelthorne.
West Surrey	Guildford, Surrey Heath, Waverley and Woking.

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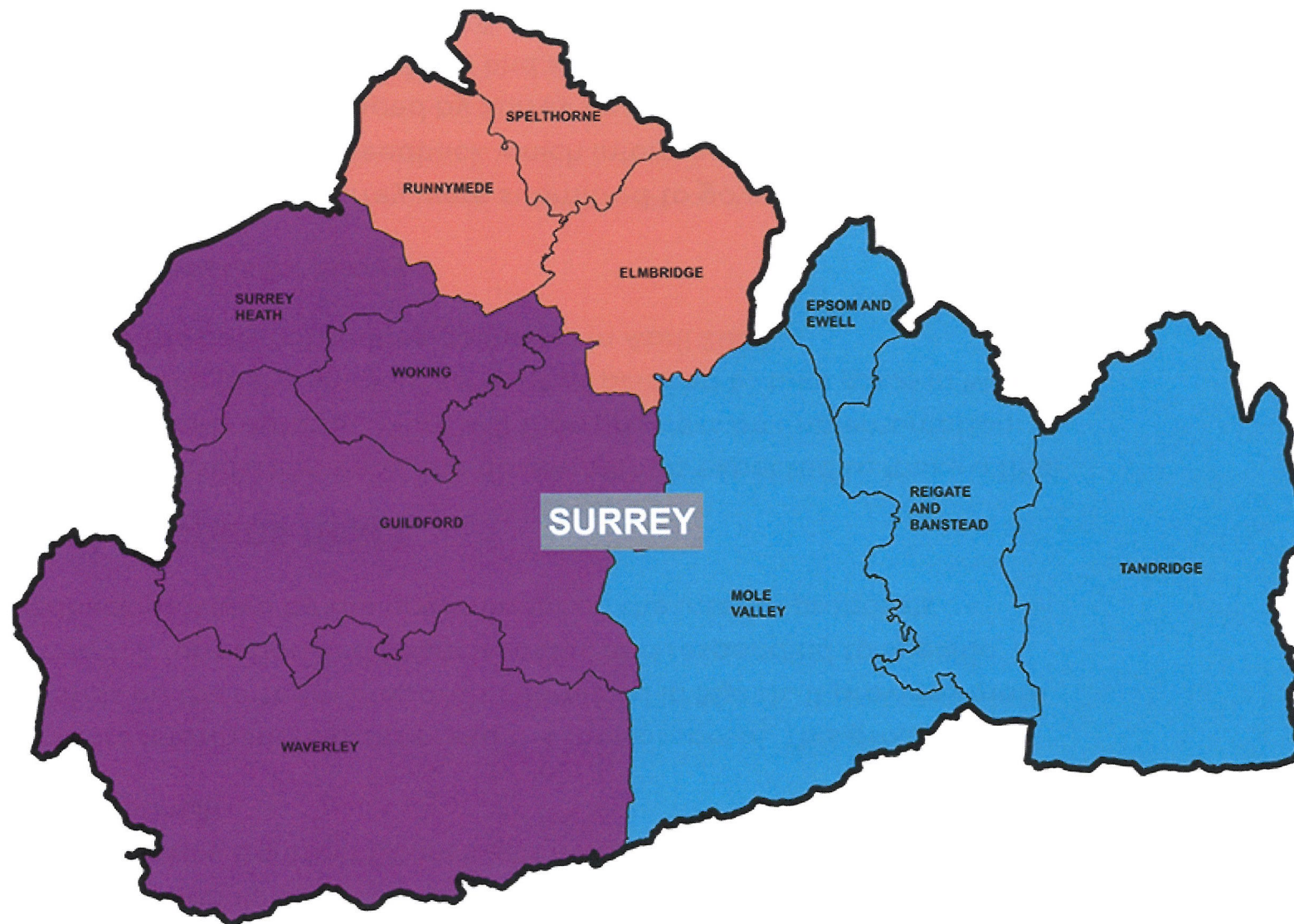
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Councillor approval

On Tuesday 6 May, at a special meeting of Full Council, district councillors agreed:



- To creating three unitary option, rather than the two being proposed by Surrey County Council.
- Any new unitary within the Surrey boundary should have three councillor wards, rather than two.
- It is not appropriate for Tandridge District residents to contribute towards resolving the debt incurred by other councils.
- To strongly oppose being part of any unitary arrangement with Crawley Borough Council and Reigate & Banstead Borough councils.

For more information, please read [the final proposal](#). This proposal expands on the interim proposals submitted in March. It provides more in-depth information and financial detail and responding to specific feedback provided by the government on the interim proposals.

What happens next?

Once the consultation ends, the government is expected to make a final decision in early autumn. Work will then progress on implementation, with elections to the shadow authorities planned to take place in May 2026 and the new authorities going live in April 2027.

Interim proposals for Surrey

Interim proposals for Surrey were submitted to government on Friday 21 March and we received feedback which informed our final proposal. The interim proposals, developed by Surrey County Council, borough and district leaders, Chief Executives and supported by officers across the county, were in two parts – part A and part B.



- [Part A](#) set out how the twelve councils in Surrey will work together as we progress through LGR and devolution. It also highlights opportunities facing residents and businesses across Surrey, and raises some topics that we would welcome further discussion with government on to ensure a smooth transition for any new arrangements.
- [Part B](#) was in two parts and sets out proposals for future reorganisation in Surrey. The first proposal has been developed by the districts and boroughs and considers options for two and three unitaries in Surrey. The second proposal has been developed by the county council and focuses on two unitaries, having discounted the single unitary option, and determining from their perspective that the three unitary option is unviable.

At a special meeting of Full Council on 18 March 2025, our councillors supported the three unitary option.

Single unitary is ruled out

In February 2025, Surrey's county and district and borough council leaders agreed not to propose a single unitary council for the entire county.

More information

You can read the latest articles we have published:

- [Residents urged to take part in consultation on future local government in Surrey.](#)
- [Council supports proposal for three unitary councils in Surrey.](#)
- [Council votes for three unitaries.](#)



- [Single Surrey unitary ruled out by council leaders.](#)
- [Tandridge District Council responds to local government reorganisation proposal.](#)

And read or listen to the [Leader of the Council, Councillor Catherine Sayer's interviews.](#)

Local government reorganisation website

A new [website](#) has been set up to provide more detail about local government reorganisation in Surrey.



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Local government in Surrey is changing



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Our vision for Surrey

Surrey is a place of thriving communities and businesses, creative heritage in the arts and, of course, beautiful countryside. It is undeniably a brilliant place to live, work, learn and visit. But for some, life can be challenging. That is why we need more affordable and better local government for the people of Surrey. We need to simplify the system, save money and improve engagement with local communities to ultimately improve lives.

In recent years we've seen rapid increases in service demand, challenges for the national economy and changes to our climate, alongside a reduction in funding. Our plan for two unitary councils, with a Mayor, will create stronger, simpler and more sustainable local government to give Surrey an even brighter future.

How local government in Surrey is structured now

There are changes coming to Surrey through devolution and Local Government Reorganisation. Before we explain these, let's look at how Surrey is currently structured.

Surrey has a two-tier system of local government: the county council and 11 district and borough councils. The county council is responsible for services such as adult social care and children's services across the county, whereas the districts and boroughs provide services in their area. Some functions are shared between county and district.

What is devolution?

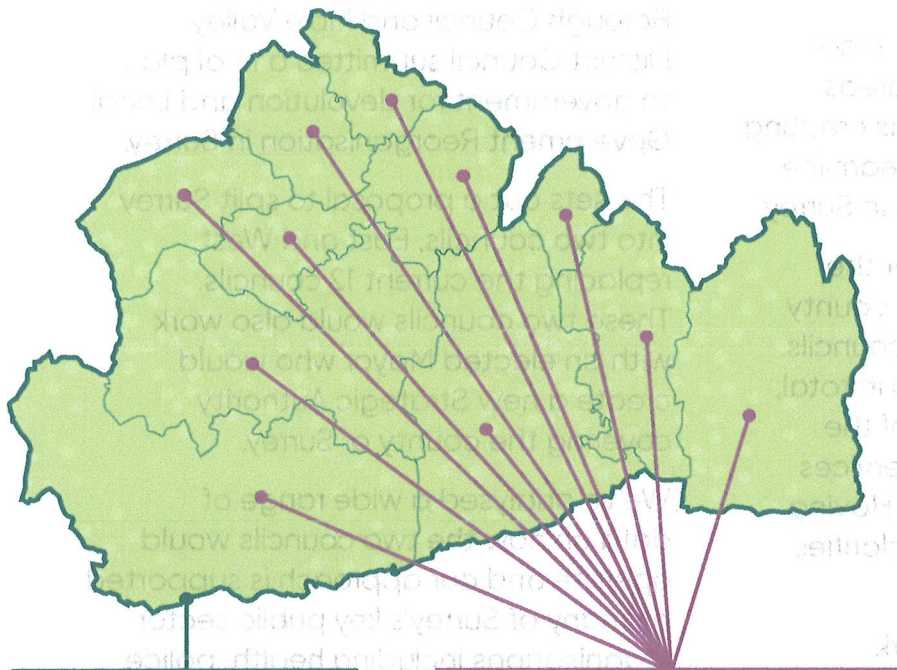
In December 2024, government published a Paper to set out its approach on devolution – transferring more powers from government to local or regional authorities.

The Paper proposed the creation of more Strategic Authorities in areas that don't currently have them – like Surrey. These authorities would be run by an elected Mayor. This approach means that additional power is given to the local communities who know their areas best, giving them more control over decision making and implementation of services.



Who does what?

The below diagram breaks out which services the county council and 11 district and borough councils currently deliver.



County Council

-  **Social care**
-  **Libraries**
-  **Highways**
-  **Education support**
-  **Fire**
-  **Registration**
-  **Recreation**
-  **Strategic planning**
-  **Trading Standards**
-  **Transport**
-  **Waste disposal**

District and Boroughs

-  **Benefits**
-  **Car parks**
-  **Council tax collection**
-  **Environmental health**
-  **Housing**
-  **Leisure and recreation**
-  **Facilities**
-  **Planning and building control**
-  **Public conveniences**
-  **Street Cleaning**
-  **Waste collection**



Parish and town council responsibilities

Surrey also has a number of parish and town councils. They have differing responsibilities and you can find the full list of parish and town councils in Surrey here: surrey.gov.uk/parishandtown

Central government isn't changing the role of town and parish councils as part of Local Government Reorganisation. New local government structures will enable community engagement and provide opportunities for existing town and parish councils to join those structures.

What is Local Government Reorganisation?

To unlock the devolution of further local powers and elect a Mayor, some areas need to reorganise first. This means creating unitary councils to simplify and streamline local government. This includes us in Surrey.

Unitary councils are responsible for the services currently delivered by the county council and district and borough councils. In Surrey, there are twelve councils in total, so this would mean dissolving all of the existing councils and combining services in to two or three unitary councils. Having fewer councils creates efficiency, clarifies service delivery and saves money.

A Strategic Authority needs to work with multiple unitary authorities, so we can't just combine all the current councils in Surrey into one.

The government confirmed that Surrey would be part of the first wave of devolution, along with other areas like Sussex, Essex and Hampshire. This was so we could get the benefits of devolution quicker for Surrey residents and businesses. However, we need to reorganise first as we don't currently have unitary councils. Government asked Surrey for proposals on how it could reorganise by May 2025.

Proposals put forward to government

Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council and Mole Valley District Council submitted a final plan to government for devolution and Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey.

This sets out a proposal to split Surrey into two councils, East and West, replacing the current 12 councils. These two councils would also work with an elected Mayor who would create a new Strategic Authority covering the county of Surrey.

We've analysed a wide range of data on how the two councils would operate and our approach is supported by many of Surrey's key public sector organisations including health, police, fire, business and community leaders. Existing county council services across Surrey are proven by independent inspectors to be strong, with successful outcomes for residents, and Surrey County Council and many of the district and borough councils have stable finances. This puts us in a good position to see Surrey through reorganisation smoothly.

Government is also considering a different proposal from some other district and borough councils, to reorganise Surrey into three unitary councils. You can read both proposals here: surreycc.gov.uk/lgrplans



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Why two councils is best

There's a number of reasons why we think this arrangement is best for Surrey residents and businesses:

SAVES



It saves money and offers better value for tax payers. Stable finances will protect vital services.

SIMPLIFIES

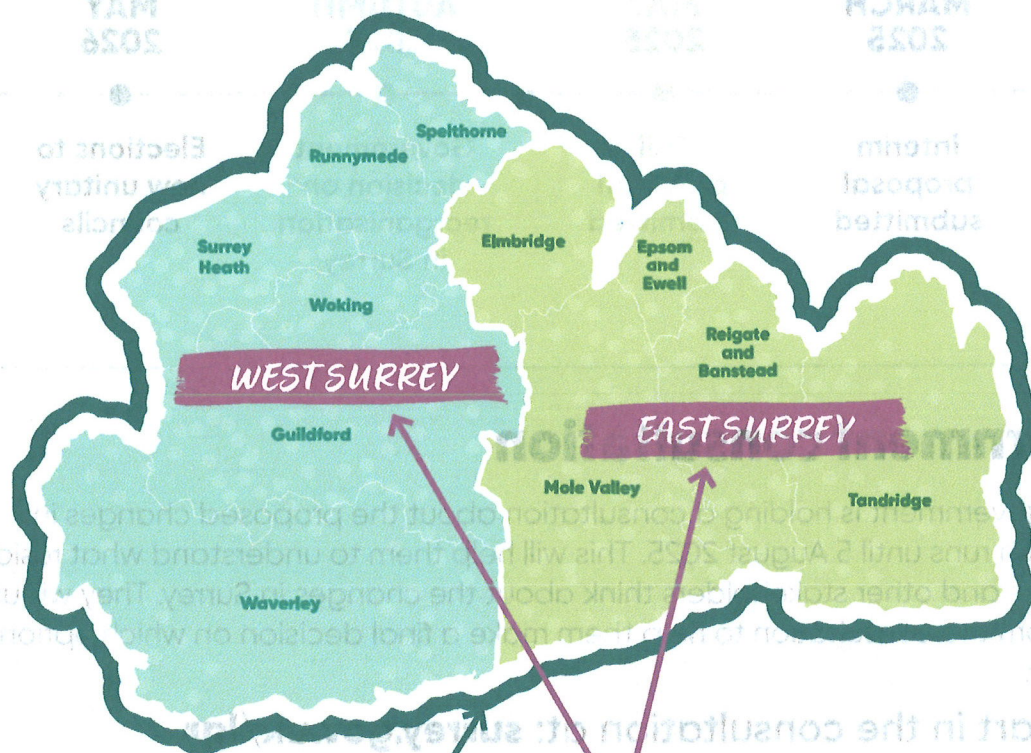


It simplifies services, delivering everything residents need, with fewer points of contact and reduced confusion about which council does what.

STRENGTHENS



It will strengthen our local communities by connecting people through Neighbourhood Area Committees in towns and villages.



Strategic Authority

This will have an elected Mayor for the whole of Surrey, with some key services: Economic development, Housing, Health improvement and inequalities, Public safety including Fire and Rescue, Skills and Employment, Strategic planning and Transport.



Unitary Councils

All remaining county council and district and borough services.



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Next steps

Now government has received plans for reorganisation in Surrey, they will decide on which option to take forward by the autumn. We will then be working together with all councils in Surrey to make this happen, gearing up for elections to the new unitary councils in May 2026.



Government consultation

Central government is holding a consultation about the proposed changes in June which runs until 5 August 2025. This will help them to understand what residents, businesses and other stakeholders think about the changes in Surrey. They will use the results from the consultation to help them make a final decision on which option is best for Surrey.

Take part in the consultation at: surrey.gov.uk/lgr

You can also complete a paper copy of the consultation at any of our libraries, or request a copy by calling 03456 009 009 (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays).





EMPOWERING SURREY'S COMMUNITIES

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation presents an opportunity to strengthen communities and the impact of the council and other partners in local neighbourhoods.

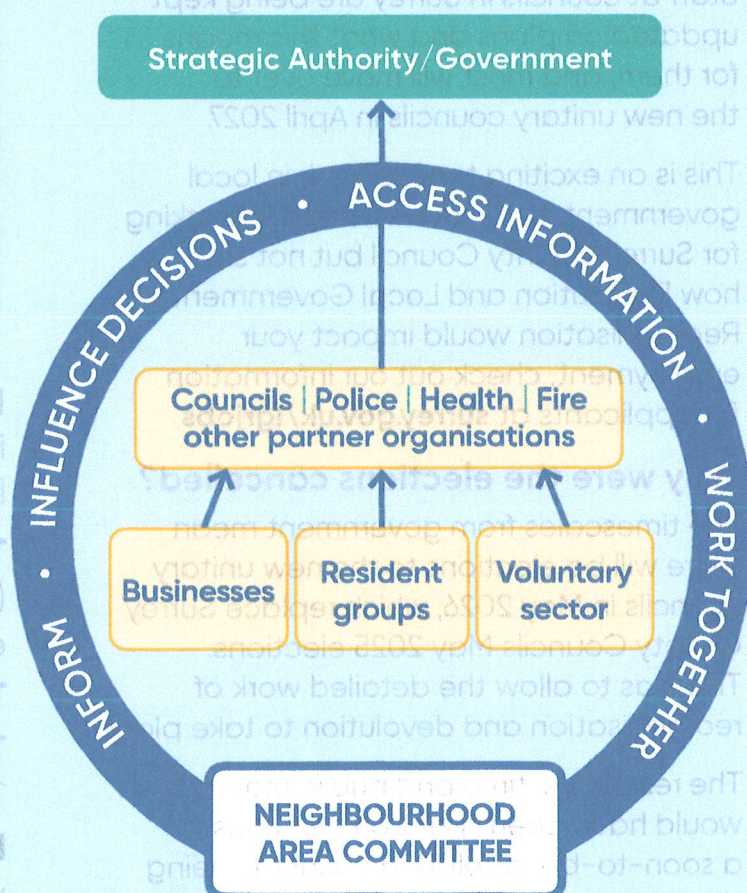
We are establishing Neighbourhood Area Committees to bring people together and create real opportunities for local collaboration and decision making in towns and villages across Surrey.

We will be initially piloting these in four areas across Surrey. Once fully up and running, these committees will 'Make It Happen', giving communities a chance to have their say, inform and influence decision-makers, access information, and work together to truly help their local area thrive. We're already working closely with communities on important projects via Your Fund Surrey.

We want you to be part of this journey – let's Make It Happen together! By understanding the specific needs of local areas, we can focus on the issues that matter most and make a lasting difference.

We'll be sharing more about how you can get involved, to make sure this new form of real local engagement is meaningful and effective. Make sure to follow us on social media and sign up to the Surrey Matters newsletter to find out more. You can also ask staff in any of our 52 libraries, or our contact centre for the latest information.

How Neighbourhood Area Committees will work



To find out the latest on Neighbourhood Area Committees, visit: surrey.gov.uk/communities



How will services change?

We will continue to deliver our services as normal during this period of change. Local Government Reorganisation has taken place in several areas in the last decade, including Dorset, Cumbria, Northamptonshire and Wiltshire. We are talking to colleagues in other parts of the country to learn from their experiences and ensure a smooth transition.

Working for councils in Surrey

Staff at councils in Surrey are being kept updated on plans and what this means for them, and most will move over to the new unitary councils in April 2027.

This is an exciting time to work in local government. If you're interested in working for Surrey County Council but not sure how Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation would impact your employment, check out our information for applicants at surrey.gov.uk/lgrjobs

Why were the elections cancelled?

The timescales from government mean there will be elections to the new unitary councils in May 2026, which replace Surrey County Councils May 2025 elections. This was to allow the detailed work of reorganisation and devolution to take place.

The resources, time and public money that would have been spent on elections for a soon-to-be-abolished council is being directed to working on the best possible outcome for Surrey's reorganisation.



We have a number of ways you can keep up to date on the changes in Surrey and ask questions:

- Our **Surrey Matters** newsletter
- Our **social media** accounts
- where we interact with residents
- and share the latest updates
- Our **website** has all the latest on the changes and all our services
- Speak to staff at your local **library** or our contact centre
- Through your local **district and borough council** communications channels
- Ask a question by **email** devolutionandlgr@surreycc.gov.uk

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If you would like this information in an alternative format or language, please contact us on:

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Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation in Surrey

Closes 5 Aug 2025

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Consultation on the Proposal from Elmbridge Borough Council, Mole Valley District Council, and Surrey County Council

Consultation for 2 unitary councils:

1. East Surrey (Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge)
2. West Surrey (Guildford, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley, Woking)

Question 1: Does the proposal suggest sensible economic areas and geographies which will achieve a single tier of local government for the whole of Surrey?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please explain your answer, including any comments on whether this proposal suggests sensible economic areas (for example reflect economic geography/travel to work areas/functioning economies) for councils with an appropriate tax base that does not create an undue advantage or disadvantage for one part of the area, and a sensible geography that will help to increase housing supply and meet local needs.

Question 2: Will the local government structures being put forward, if implemented, achieve the outcomes described?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please explain your answer, including any specific comments on the evidence and analysis to support the proposals.

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Consultation for 3 unitary councils:

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