

Local government proposals will put people first in Exeter and Devon



The Government has made its direction clear. The English Devolution White Paper signalled the end of the current two-tier system of local government. For Devon, that means that all 11 councils will be abolished by 2028.

The city council's responsibility is to propose to government what

a new single-tier of local government should look like – not just in the interest of the residents of Exeter but for the whole county.

This presents an opportunity to reshape services, strengthen identity, and deliver better economic growth for all communities in Devon.

Our Proposal

Our proposal for local government reorganisation in Devon recommends the creation of new unitary councils to improve services, strengthen identity and boost economic growth throughout the county.

The proposal recognises the importance of Devon's two major urban centres - Exeter and Plymouth - as engines for economic and housing growth for the benefit of the whole county.

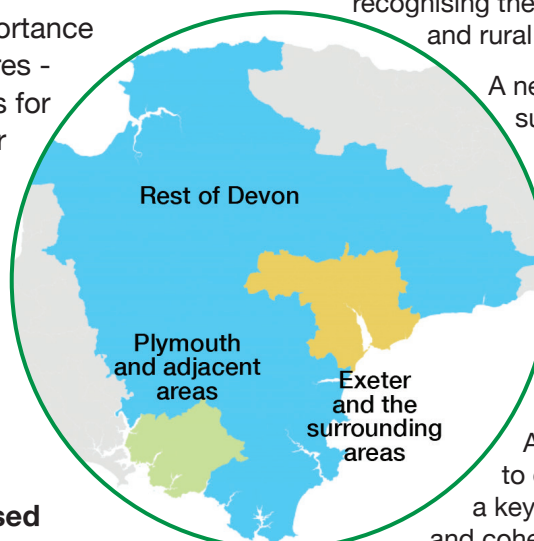
1. An urban unitary council, based on the city of Exeter and surrounding area.

Expanding the current district council boundary into Parishes surrounding the city.

2. An urban unitary council, based on the city of Plymouth and adjacent Parishes.

3. A rural and coastal unitary council incorporating the rest of Devon.

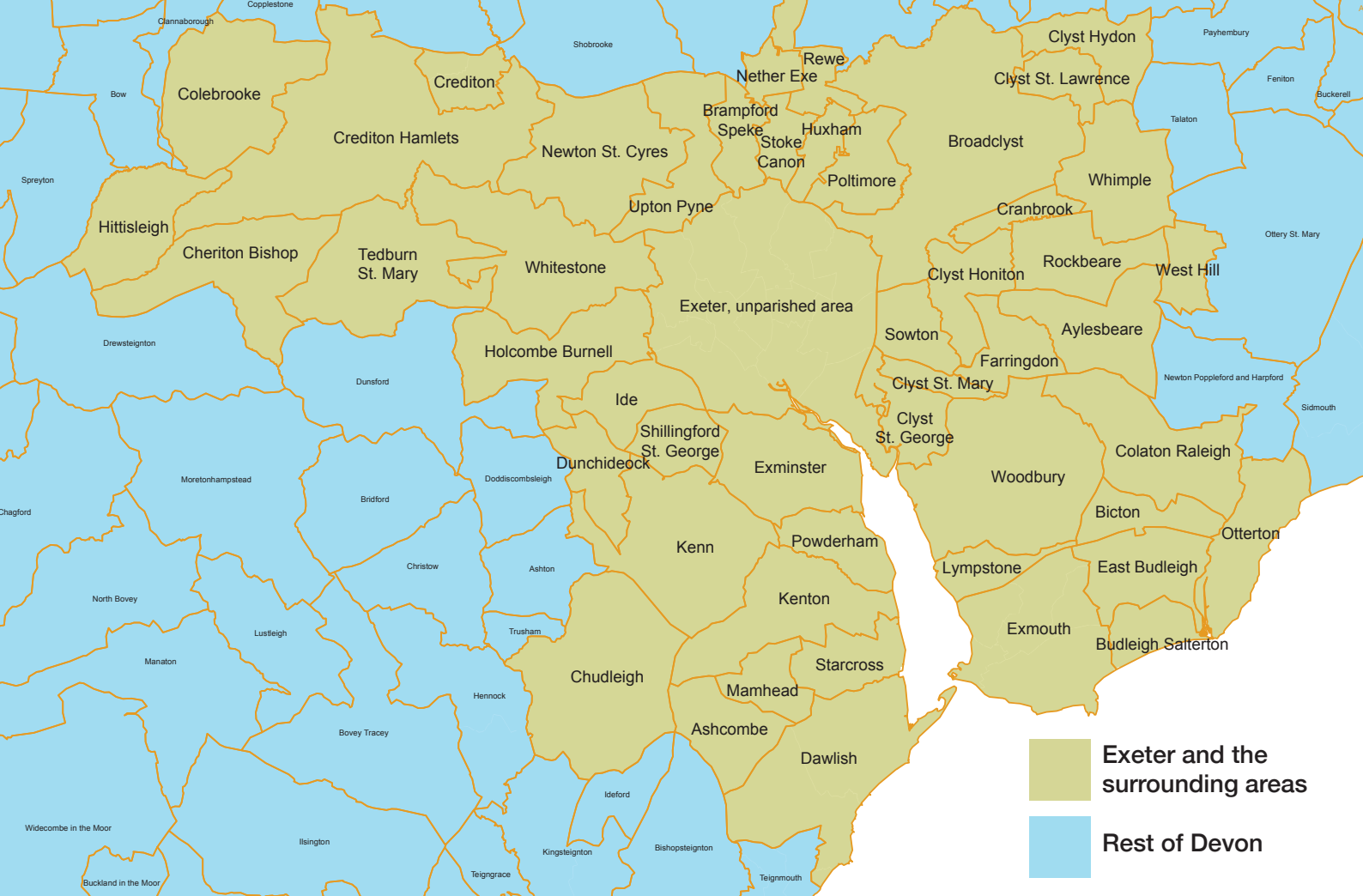
It aims to create financially viable, efficient authorities aligned to geography, population and economic potential, recognising the distinct needs and identities of urban and rural areas.



A new unitary council for Exeter and the surrounding area would reflect Exeter's position as a major urban hub with strengths in housing growth, knowledge economy, innovation, education, climate science and transport connectivity.

It aims to improve outcomes for residents, deliver value and enhance involvement in local decision-making.

A data-driven approach has been used to develop the proposal which has a key focus on community identity and cohesiveness.



The new unitary council for Exeter and the surrounding area would incorporate:

All Electoral Wards currently in the Exeter City Council area:

Alphington, Duryard and St James, Exwick, Heavitree, Mincinglake and Whipton, Newtown and St Leonard's, Pennsylvania, Pinhoe, Priory, St David's, St Loyes, St Thomas, Topsham

15 Town and Parish Councils currently in the Teignbridge District Council area:

Dawlish Town, Ashcombe, Mamhead, Starcross, Kanton, Chudleigh Town, Powderham, Exminster, Kenn, Dunchideock, Shillingford St George, Ide, Holcome Burnell, Whitestone, Tedburn St Mary

Following support by councillors for the proposal, Exeter City Council is carrying out a wide-ranging engagement, from 15 August until 26 September.

This will engage residents in Exeter and the surrounding area, public sector stakeholders like the NHS, police, MPs, district, town and parish councils, businesses, the voluntary sector and service users.

28 Town and Parish Councils currently in the East Devon District Council area:

Exmouth, Woodbury, Lympstone, Otterton, East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton, Colaton Raleigh, Bickton, Upton Pyne, Brampford Speke, Stoke Cannon, Nether Exe, Rewe, Huxham, Poltimore, Broadclyst, Clyst Hydon, Clyst St Lawrence, Whimble, Cranbrook, Rockbeare, West Hill, Aylesbeare, Farringdon, Clyst Honiton, Sowton, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George

6 Town and Parish Councils currently in the current Mid Devon District Council area:

Cheriton Bishop, Hittisleigh, Colebrook, Crediton Town, Crediton Hamlets, Newton St Cyres

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