




Local Government Review 2026

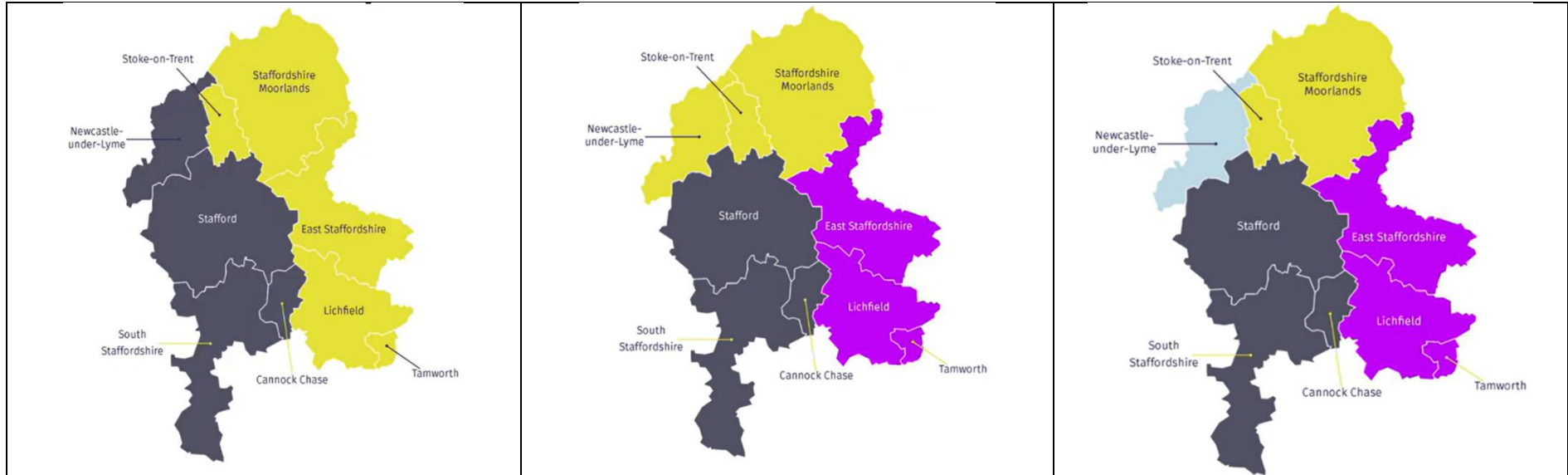
Proposals for local government reorganisation in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

Timeline



You can find all proposals at: [Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Local Government Reorganisation Hub](#)

Existing Structure	S-on-T, Stafford BC , Cannock DC, East Staffs	Staffs Moorland DC
		
<p>Staffordshire County Council</p>	<p>Lichfield DC, Tamworth BC, South Staffs</p>	<p>Newcastle BC</p>



Opportunities	Negative	What we can do
Take on asset or local facilities	Increased workload and enquiries	Neighbourhood plans
Increased interest in parish councils at election time	Loss if existing relationships with district and county	Review budgets
Higher profile in the community	Disruption of service	Training for clerk and Cllrs
Will become the local voice with the new authorities	Refocusing of priorities by upper tier authority	Increased communication with residents

Government Consultation questions

DRAFT RESPONSE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN STAFFORDSHIRE

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Question 1

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on **sensible geographies and economic areas**?

Question 2

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to **deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal**?

Question 3

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the **proposed councils are the right size** to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?

Question 4

To what extent do you agree or disagree that this **proposal will put local government in the area as a whole on a firmer footing**, particularly given that some councils in the area are in receipt of exceptional financial support?

As of 5 February 2026, within the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent area, Stoke-on-Trent City Council had received in-principle Exceptional Financial Support to support their 2025/26 budget. This council will not necessarily be in receipt of Exceptional Financial Support in future financial years. Updates on Exceptional Financial Support can be found on the Exceptional Financial Support gov.uk page [Exceptional Financial Support for local authorities - GOV.UK.](#)

Question 5

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will **deliver high quality, sustainable public services**?

Question 6

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the **proposal has been informed by local views** and will meet local needs?

Question 7

To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this **proposal will support devolution arrangements**?

Question 8

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the **proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment**?

Question 9

If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-8 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on the proposals.

Question 10

Where a proposal includes a request that the Secretary of State modifies a proposal to achieve boundary change, or the proposal affects wider public services, such as fire and rescue authorities, you will be asked an additional question:

This is a proposal that is accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change or that affects wider public services. **To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal sets out a strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change?**

Question 11

If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 10.

For each question, you can provide the following answers:

- strongly agree
- somewhat agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- somewhat disagree
- strongly disagree
- don't know