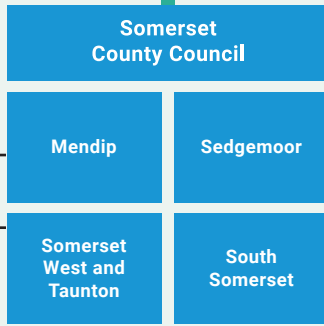
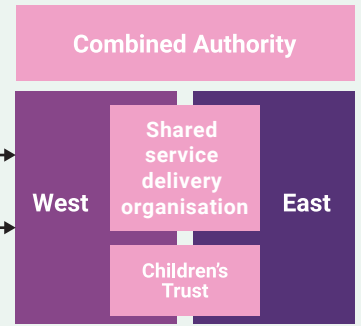




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Annual Savings:  
**£18.5m**

Transition costs:  
**£16.5m**

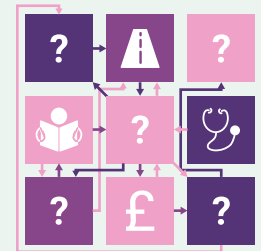
Annual Savings:  
**£9m**<sup>[1]</sup>

Transition costs:  
**£22.5m**<sup>[2]</sup>

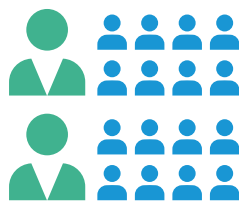


Bringing together services with common goals to support economic recovery, growth, health and wellbeing

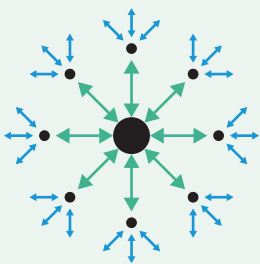
Complexity, delay, conflicting priorities, increased costs



100 councillors with 4,302 electors each (Cornwall 5,072 electors per councillor, Wiltshire 3,924)

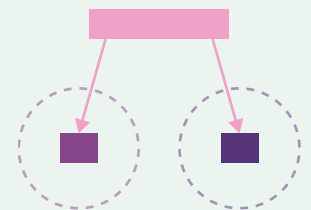


200 councillors with 2,150 electors each – **Considered too low to be acceptable to The Local Government Boundary Commission for England**

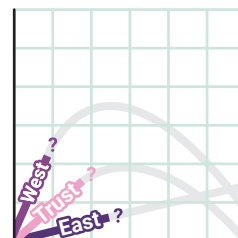
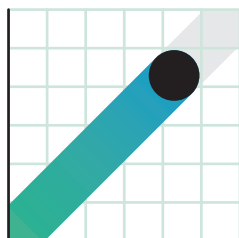


Double devolution to give city, town and parish councils more powers and enabling communities to shape their areas through Local Community Networks (LCNs)

Devolution in name only – new unitaries keep control of decision-making and set tests for parish councils to allow them to do more



Continuation of children's services improvement plans to support children and young people's wellbeing, education and skills needs



Create a children's trust with a director in each unitary and risk stalling the ongoing improvement journey, as well as missing opportunities to join up old district and county services to support young people

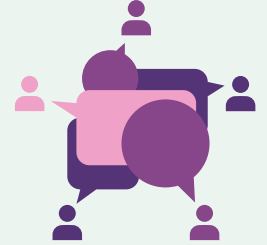
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# Stronger Somerset



One ambitious strategy and a single voice to lobby Government and businesses on key local issues and opportunities

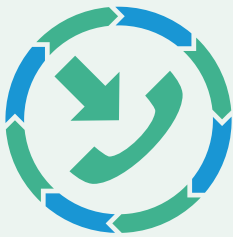
Five voices with conflicting priorities resulting in a confused voice for Somerset regionally, nationally and internationally



One modern organisation providing integrated digital solutions to help our residents access the services they need

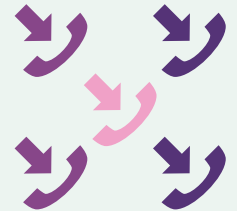


A shared services organisation risks repeating the failures of Southwest One<sup>[3]</sup>



A single organisation for all services and all queries across the whole of Somerset

Multiple organisations for different services and queries depending on where you live in Somerset



Somerset has a population of 560K residents. Government expects new unitaries to have between a minimum of 300K-400K, to a maximum of 700K

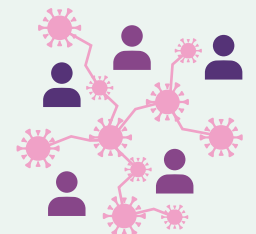


Population would be approx. 280K residents per unitary. **Government expects new unitaries to have at least 300K-400K residents**



One Public Health team working closely with health, social care and education partners on critical issues like the coronavirus response

Splitting Public Health services jeopardises the success of joint working with the NHS and may put vulnerable people at risk, especially during a pandemic



<sup>[1]</sup> The Stronger Somerset business case misses the following costs which reduce the annual savings claimed by £6m: disaggregation of county services (£1m); Children's Trust running costs (£3m); Combined Authority running costs (£2m).

<sup>[2]</sup> The Stronger Somerset business case misses the following costs which increase the transition costs claimed by £8.7m: redundancy and pension costs (£3m); Combined Authority set up costs (£1m); IT and systems reconfiguration (£3.7m); disaggregation of county services (£1m).

<sup>[3]</sup> Southwest One was a failed shared services partnership set up between the county council, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Avon and Somerset Police in 2007 and later scrapped after years of problems.