

Local Government Reorganisation Easy Read

This guide explains what Local Government is, what is happening in Hertfordshire and why you need to know.

	What is happening? Local Government in Hertfordshire is changing. These changes are called Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
 	How things work now? Hertfordshire has 2 levels of councils: 1. Hertfordshire County Council They look after big services across the whole county like: Education (schools), Roads and Adult social care. 2. District and Borough Councils (10 of them) They look after local services, like: Planning, Housing, Waste collection and recycling.
	Why is it changing? The Government has asked areas with two tier councils where one looks after big things for the whole county and the others look after local



things in smaller areas to create a new system called **unitary councils**.

A unitary council means:

One council provides all services.

The Government has now decided how many new councils Hertfordshire will have.

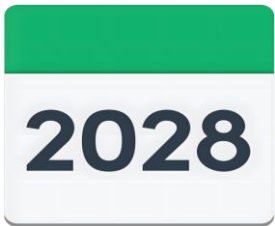


How does this affect me?

The Government hopes it will:

- Make councils simpler to understand
- Make services more easily reachable wherever you live
- Make it easier to see who makes important decisions.
- Give local people a stronger voice

Nothing is changing straightaway

	What proposals did the government choose? Option 3 In future Hertfordshire will have 4 new councils called West, South-West, Central and Eastern. They will replace all the councils that exist today.
 	What happens next? All 11 councils in Hertfordshire will work together to make sure that the 4 new councils are set up and ready to begin work. Until then you will get the same things from councils that you do now. The new councils will begin work in April 2028.
	You will get a chance to have your say on how the new councils will work.

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