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BSTC Statement on Local Government Reorganisation

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Government Confirms Local Government Reorganisation

BSTC acknowledges the Government's confirmation of the preferred model for Local Government Reorganisation in Devon, with the new unitary authorities expected to come into effect in April 2028. This marks the beginning of a significant period of change for local government across the county.

Supporting the Transition

BSTC looks forward to working constructively throughout the implementation process over the next two years and beyond. We are committed to supporting a successful transition while ensuring that the interests of our residents and community remain central to discussions as the new unitary authority takes shape.

Representing Our Community

Throughout this period, BSTC will continue to advocate strongly on behalf of our residents. As the tier of local government closest to the community, our role will become increasingly important in ensuring that local knowledge and community needs are reflected in future decision-making.

Working Together for a Stronger Voice

Preparations are already underway to establish an alliance with neighbouring Town and Parish Councils. By working collectively, we will ensure that the voices of local communities are represented effectively throughout the reorganisation process and within the new unitary authority.

This collaborative approach will strengthen our ability to influence policy, protect local services and ensure that decisions affecting our communities are informed by those who know them best.

Looking Ahead

BSTC sees this period of change as an opportunity to strengthen local democracy and community representation. We remain committed to protecting our community's identity, championing the interests of our residents and working positively with partners to help shape a strong, responsive and accountable system of local government for the future.

As further information becomes available, BSTC will continue to keep residents informed and encourage community engagement throughout the transition.

Please do go to the LGR website for more information: [Devon LGR](#)