

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
Friday 14 February 2025

1. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRAZIL
Re: Estimated cost of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

What estimate does the County have for the cost of Local Government Reorganisation in Devon.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

We are at an early stage in considering the nature and scope of a response to the Statutory Invitation issued by the Minister for Local Government and English Devolution. We are expecting further clarification during this week from MHCLG officials on the expectations and level of information needed. Therefore we are not able to answer this question currently and will keep all Elected Members updated on progress as we move ahead.

2. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRAZIL
Re: Sale of Assets to pay for LGR

What assets are the County expecting to sell in order to pay for LGR.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

The current proposed asset disposals have been presented to Cabinet and the Land and Property Committee. Currently there are no proposals to amend this programme of work. As proposals and costs become clearer in the coming weeks, any suggested changes to the asset disposal programme will be taken through the most appropriate decision-making process.

3. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRAZIL
Re: Unitary Solutions being Explored

What are the unitary solutions that the County exploring and can we have specifics.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

It is too early to provide details and specific solutions and proposal. The guidance issued by the Minister sets out a number of criteria that all Councils will need to consider in the coming weeks and which emphasise the expectation of collaboration across Councils in two-tier areas. We have started this approach with 1-2-1 meetings which will also help inform the development of proposals. An invitation has gone out to an all members session on the 25th February.

4. QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR BRAZIL
Re: Data being shared with other Councils in Devon

What data is the County sharing with the other councils in Devon and who should relevant officers contact.

REPLY BY COUNCILLOR MCINNES

We are currently considering the data requirements in line with the criteria provided in the guidance issued by the Minister. There are no data sharing agreements in place at this stage and the data we are scoping is in the public domain.