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Local Government Reorganisation and Climate Change

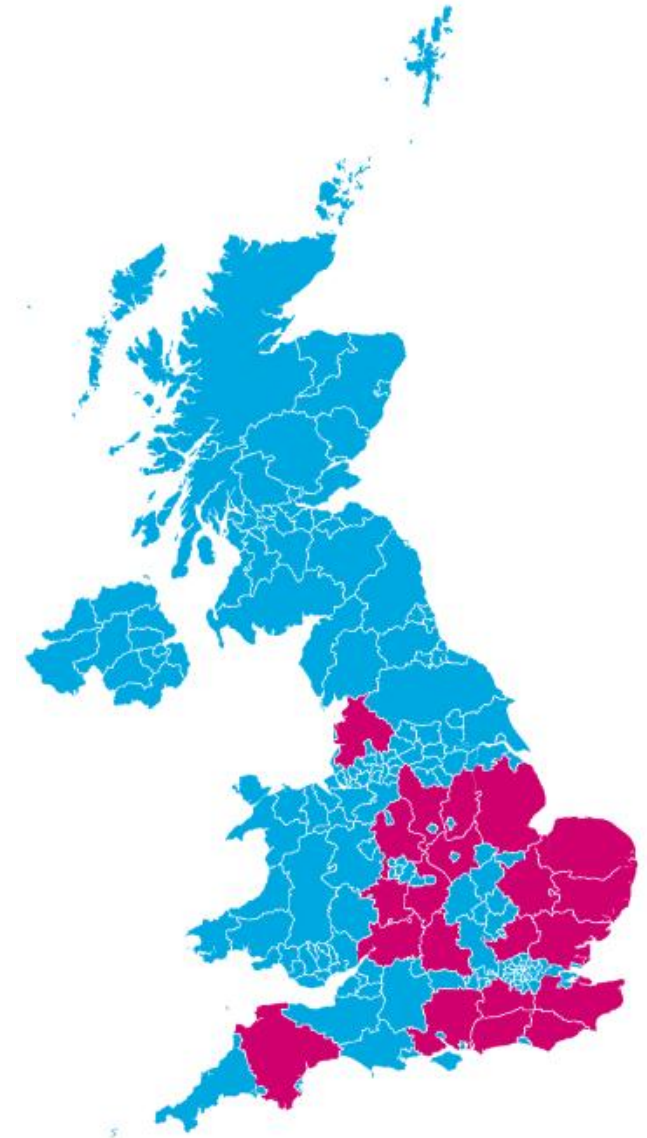
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Local Government Reorganisation

■ County ■ Unitary Authority

National Government is seeking to simplify local government by creating Unitary Authorities across England.

The aim of the reorganisation is to enable greater devolution to regions, improve service efficiency and enhance accountability



Local Authorities in Surrey

11 Boroughs and Districts and Surrey County Council will be replaced by two unitary authorities.

An expression of interest to form a Strategic Authority has been made.



Where are we in the process?

East and West
Unitary Authorities
will go live in April
2027.



What happens once the new authorities are formed?

The first days

The aim is to provide a seamless set of key services for residents.

The first months

New Unitary Authorities will decide their priorities and work programme.

The first years

There are some changes to responsibilities to enable more strategic delivery of local services in the areas of economic growth, clean energy, planning and transport.

Climate Change Preparation for new authorities

**Strategic
Recommendations
for Climate Action**

Provides new authorities with the evidence they need make early decisions around the level of ambition to adopt around climate change.

**A practical toolkit for
climate action**

Building on District, Borough and Surrey-wide action, it will contain the information needed to sustain and/or scale-up climate action in Surrey.

**Continuity plans for
key projects**

Ensures our ability to draw down national government funding to continue with important projects such as Warm Homes Grant Scheme to support fuel poor households.



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Thank you