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**Subject: FW: Proposed changes to councils in Derby and Derbyshire - Consultation**

As a member of our Equality and Diversity Forum mailing list I am forwarding this email onto you regarding the consultation surrounding the proposed changes to councils in Derby and Derbyshire.

Please feel free to participate. If you would prefer to receive the consultation in a different format or have accessibility requirements, please contact the Public Perspectives team (details at the bottom of the email).

Many thanks

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Dear colleagues,

As you may be aware, in late 2024 the Government published a white paper describing a national programme of devolution and local government reorganisation – setting out plans for the biggest change to local councils in 50 years.

It means that the way councils are set up in ‘two-tier’ areas like Derbyshire has to change, and the Government has asked local authorities to work together to draw up proposals for how this could best work for our communities.

Chesterfield Borough Council has been working with Derbyshire’s seven other district and borough councils, and Derby City Council, to put together a proposal, and we’re now seeking the views of people and organisations from across our communities.

Put simply, we think that the 10 councils that currently provide services across the county could be replaced with two new 'unitary' councils – one covering the north of the county, and one covering the south (with three options for where the area currently covered by Amber Valley Borough Council could sit).

### **Have your say**

The views of our communities and partners are really important to help us shape our final proposal, and we've now launched a public consultation.

The 'One Derbyshire, Two Councils' consultation runs from Monday 30 June to Sunday 10 August 2025. Feedback from the consultation will be used to shape the final proposal to Government in November 2025.

**Further information on the proposals is included in the attached document and on our website: [www.chesterfield.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation](http://www.chesterfield.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation)**

The consultation is being conducted with support from Public Perspectives, an independent organisation that works with local councils and communities.

**You are encouraged to respond to the consultation and share it amongst your networks and colleagues.**

We are encouraging responses through an online consultation questionnaire: [bit.ly/Derbyshire-consultation](https://bit.ly/Derbyshire-consultation)

Alternatively, you may prefer to respond via a letter/e-mail, which you can do by replying to this e-mail address.

**Please respond by no later than Sunday 10 August 2025.**

If you have any questions or require support to respond to the consultation, please get in touch via email: [Derbyshire@publicperspectives.co.uk](mailto:Derbyshire@publicperspectives.co.uk) or freephone: 0800 533 5386 (please leave a message and you will receive a call you back).

Thank you in advance for your participation.