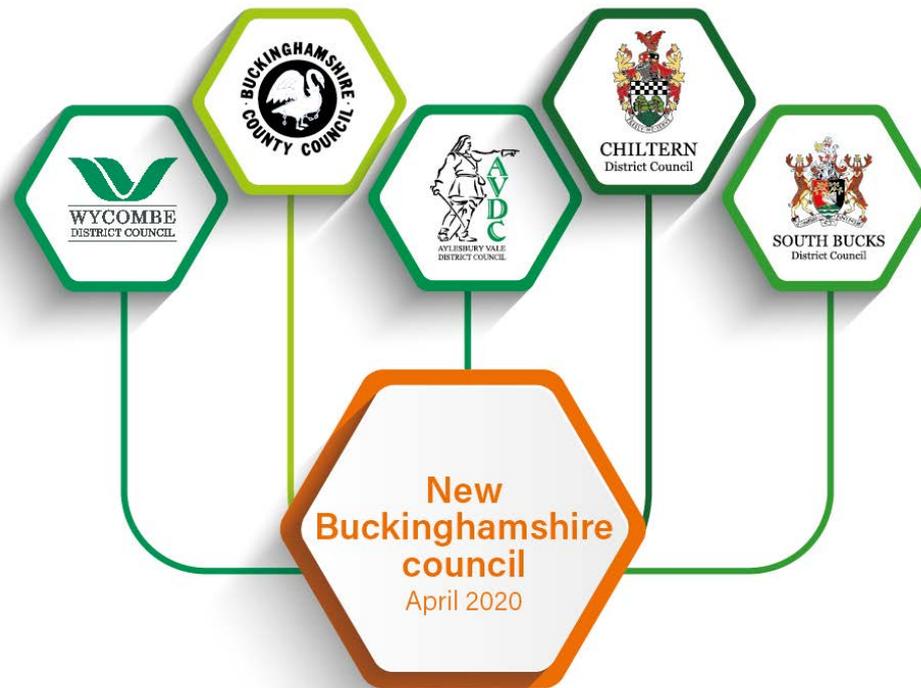


A new unitary council for Buckinghamshire

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- On 1 November government announced a **single unitary council for Buckinghamshire**
- This will be a **brand new council** replacing all five councils by 1 April 2020
- This is an exciting opportunity to improve services for our residents
- The new council will deliver all local government services – both county and district for Buckinghamshire

The road to one council

- All five existing councils remain responsible for the normal running of the councils until 1 April 2020
- Current services and change programmes will continue as planned
- The five councils are working together to plan the work needed to create the new council
- Bringing together the best of the current councils
- Parliament to set out the details of the implementation process and new council
- Focus on transition to one council by 1 April 2020, transformation to come post 1 April 2020



Two pieces of legislation to be agreed by Parliament:

1. A Regulations Modification Order - this allows government to make this change
 - This was approved by Parliament in Feb 2019
2. The Structural Changes Order - this details how this change will take place and the set up of the new council
 - Has been laid in Parliament on 2 April 2019
 - Approval expected May/June 2019

The new council:

- Will be called **Buckinghamshire Council** and go live on 1 April 2020
- Will have 147 elected members; elections to the new council will take place in May 2020

Shadow arrangements

Shadow Authority (*like Council*)

- Bring together all existing county and district – i.e. 202 members
- Will undertake specific functions associated with the creation of the new council – e.g setting a budget for the new council
- Will meet within 14 days of the Order being approved (May/June 2019)

Shadow Executive (*like Cabinet*)

- Will consist of eight District and eight County Council members plus the Leader of the County Council who will chair the group, unless the executive decides to elect one of its councillors as lead
- Responsibility will be 'to discharge the functions of the Shadow Authority'

Shadow Authority

All councillors across the five councils

Shadow Executive Committee

'Cabinet' for the shadow authority

Chief Executive Officers Implementation Team

'Corporate Management Team' for the shadow authority

Programme Team

Cross council team

What are we working towards for day 1?

- One council
 - All staff working as one team
 - A simpler council to access for all, one website, one phone number
- No surprises
 - Services you rely on every day will carry on as normal
- The opportunity to transform and grow from 1 April 2020

Shaping the new council together

- Unitary councils need to be able to respond to the different needs and issues in their local communities
- The local proposals within the original business case aren't fixed, we want to review this with you, taking into account local needs
- We want to co design a more local council that works for you and your communities.
- Town and Parish Council engagement events will be held to help co-design:
 - How you would like to work with the new Buckinghamshire Council
 - What a local approach could like so we met the needs of our diverse communities

Dates will be shared for these shortly.

You are important in helping to make this change