

Summary and analysis of consultation responses and summary of representations from named consultees

Background

1. A statutory consultation on proposals for unitary local government in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay was opened on 5 February and closed on 26 March 2026. We received a total of 2,321 responses.
2. The five proposals being consulted on were made by councils and submitted to the Government on 28 November 2025.
3. This document provides a summary of the 2,321 responses received to the Government's consultation on the proposals for future unitary local government in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay.
4. The Government announced to Parliament on 16 July 2026 that the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government had decided to implement, subject to Parliamentary approval, **the four unitary proposal submitted by Exeter City Council and Plymouth City Council**. In doing so, the Secretary of State will exercise the power to modify the proposal to achieve the boundary change the councils Exeter City Council and Plymouth City Council requested alongside the proposal. **The new councils will comprise the areas of:**
 - a. **Expanded Plymouth:** Plymouth plus 13 parishes from South Hams
 - b. **Expanded Exeter:** Exeter plus 15 parishes from Teignbridge, 28 parishes from East Devon and 6 parishes from Mid-Devon.
 - c. **Expanded Torbay:** Torbay plus 16 parishes from Teignbridge and 5 parishes from South Hams.
 - d. **Devon Coast and Countryside:** North Devon, Torridge, West Devon plus East Devon less 27 parishes, Mid Devon less 6 parishes, Teignbridge less 31 parishes, South Hams less 18 parishes

From here, this is referred to as the 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) proposal.

5. **The consultation also invited views on the following proposals submitted by:**
6. **Devon County Council proposed 3 unitary councils across the whole area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, comprising the areas of:**
 - a. **Plymouth:** current area of Plymouth
 - b. **Torbay:** current area of Torbay
 - c. **Devon:** 8 district councils (Mid Devon, East Devon, Exeter, North Devon, South Hams, Teignbridge, Torridge, West Devon)

From here, this is referred to as the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal.

7. **South Hams District Council, Teignbridge Borough Council and West Devon Borough Council proposed 3 unitary councils across the whole area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay, comprising the current areas of:**
- a. **Plymouth:** current area of Plymouth
 - b. **Southern Devon:** 3 districts (South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon), 1 unitary (Torbay)
 - c. **Northern Devon:** 5 districts (East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, Torridge, Exeter)

From here, this is referred to as the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal.

8. **East Devon District Council, Mid Devon District Council, North Devon Council and Torridge District Council proposed 3 unitary councils across the whole area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. This includes a request to split existing district council areas between the proposed new councils. These would comprise the current areas of:**
- a. **Plymouth:** Plymouth plus parts of 4 parishes from the district of South Hams
 - b. **Southern Devon:** 3 districts (remaining areas of South Hams, Teignbridge and West Devon), 1 unitary (Torbay)
 - c. **Northern Devon:** 5 districts (East Devon, Mid Devon, North Devon, Torridge, Exeter)

From here, this is referred to as the 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposal.

9. **Torbay Council proposed 4 unitary councils across the whole area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay. This includes a request to split existing district council areas between the proposed new councils. These would comprise the current areas of:**
- a. **Expanded Plymouth:** Plymouth plus 13 parishes from South Hams
 - b. **Expanded Exeter:** Exeter plus 15 parishes from Teignbridge, 28 parishes from East Devon and 6 parishes from Mid-Devon.
 - c. **Torbay:** current area of Torbay
 - d. **Devon Coast and Countryside:** North Devon, Torridge, West Devon plus East Devon less 28 parishes, Mid Devon less 6 parishes, Teignbridge less 15 parishes, South Hams less 13 parishes.

From here, this is referred to as the 4 unitary (Torbay) proposal.

10. The consultation on these proposals has informed an assessment of the merits of each proposal. All the proposals have been considered carefully, alongside the responses received to this consultation, representations and any other relevant information, in assessing the proposals against the criteria before a judgement was taken on which proposal to implement.

11. The criteria by which proposals for local government reorganisation have been assessed are set out in the [letter of invitation](#), sent to councils in area on 5 February 2025. The consultation asked questions relating to the criteria for each of the above proposals.
12. This consultation relates to the structure of local government in Devon Plymouth and Torbay. These proposals relate to England only.

Methodology

13. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 states that the Secretary of State may not implement a proposal unless they have consulted with every authority affected by the proposal and other such other persons as they consider appropriate. Those councils and persons considered appropriate are hereafter referred to as 'named consultees'.
14. The list of named consultees is available on [gov.uk](#).
15. In addition, the Ministry of Housing, Communities, and Local Government (the Ministry) welcomed the views of any other persons or bodies interested in these proposals, including local residents, town and parish councils, businesses and the voluntary and community sector.
16. The Ministry used Citizen Space, a third-party consultation programme to collect responses. Citizen Space was open to both named consultees and all other interested parties. Further information on the statutory basis for, and methodology of, the consultation is provided on the [publication page](#).
17. Responses to the consultation were also received by email and letter.
18. The Ministry used a tool named Consult AI to assist in the analysis of responses. The AI tool identified themes present in the responses which Ministry officials have checked for accuracy. The tool did not have access to any personal data. All responses from named consultees were read by Ministry staff.
19. The department has conducted an evaluation of the Consult tool and concluded that Consult's theme mappings are consistent with human reviewers' assessments. For this consultation, human reviewers independently checked the theme assignments Consult had produced and likewise found that Consult's theme mappings were broadly consistent with the human reviewers.

Consultation Questions

20. Respondents answered the questions below using a five-point agree–disagree scale, ranging from 'strongly agree' to 'strongly disagree', with an additional 'don't know' option.
21. The questions were as follows:

- a) **Question 1:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?
- b) **Question 2:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?
- c) **Question 3:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?
- d) **Question 4:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?
- e) **Question 5:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?
- f) **Question 6:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements?
- g) **Question 7:** To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?
- h) **Question 8:** If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on this proposal.
- i) **Question 9:** This proposal is accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal sets out a strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change?
- j) **Question 10:** If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 9.

Summary of responses

22. There were 2,321 responses to this consultation, 28 from named consultees and 2,294 from other respondents. Not all respondents provided an answer to each question. Please see the analysis of responses by question below for individual response data.

Responses from named consultees

Named Consultee respondents	Number of Responses
Principal councils	11
Neighbouring councils	0
Strategic Authority	1

Heath Bodies	1
Police and Fire	1
Education Bodies	4
Other Public Sector	1
Voluntary and Community Sector	1
Business Organisations	1
National Bodies	3
Other named consultees	4
Total named consultees	28

Reponses from other respondents

Other respondents	Number of Responses
Individuals living in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay	2152
Individuals not living in affected area	51
Organisation	88
Total other respondents	2291
Total responses (Including named consultees)	2321

Summary of findings

23. Tables in this report included numbers rounded to the nearest whole number, and as such, not all cumulative scores will equal 100%.
24. Respondents were invited to respond to 7 multiple choice questions per proposal and could provide a rationale for their answers in a free text box. Where a proposal included boundary change, respondents were invited to answer an additional question and provide an additional free text response. The multiple-choice questions invited respondents to state whether they strongly agreed, somewhat agreed/agreed, neither agreed nor disagreed, somewhat disagreed/disagreed, strongly disagreed, or did not know when responding to a statement.
25. For the purposes of this document we have classified positive responses as strongly agree, somewhat agree and negative responses as somewhat disagree and strongly disagree.
26. Quantitative scoring against specific questions was applied to responses submitted by email and post only where respondents provided explicit answers based on the scale provided. No assumptions or inferred positions were applied to submissions that did not directly address those questions.
27. Responses received by email and post are not included in the respondent count for questions 8 and 10. A summary of the relevant views expressed in those responses against each criterion is included within the summary of free text responses for each respondent type.

28. In addition to this round of consultation, the Government undertook consultation on 6 other local government reorganisation areas between 19 November 2025 and 11 January 2026. One response received as part of that consultation is relevant to all local government reorganisation areas, including those in this round of consultation. A summary of the relevant views expressed in that response against each criterion is included within the summary of free text responses for that respondent type.
29. The table below takes the average response across the multiple choice questions to provide an overall view of whether all respondents viewed a proposal positively or negatively.

All respondents

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
3 Unitary (Devon CC)	14678	43%	44%	11%	3%
3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	12981	39%	45%	13%	3%
3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	14960	27%	57%	13%	3%
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	14821	20%	69%	8%	3%
4 Unitary (Torbay)	14047	15%	73%	9%	3%

30. Overall, the responses demonstrate a preference for the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal. 43% of respondents to the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal provided positive responses to the questions and 44% of respondents provided negative responses. 14% were responses of neither agree nor disagree or don't know. The 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal was the second most popular with 39% of respondents providing a positive response. The 4 unitary (Torbay) proposal was the least popular with 15% of respondents providing a positive response.

Named consultees

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
3 Unitary (Devon CC)	104	33%	55%	13%	0%
3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	115	51%	36%	13%	0%

3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	121	45%	40%	14%	0%
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	119	18%	71%	12%	0%
4 Unitary (Torbay)	121	31%	57%	12%	0%

31. The responses from named consultees demonstrate a preference for the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal. 51% of respondents to the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal provided positive responses to the questions and 36% of respondents provided negative responses. 13% were responses of neither agree nor disagree or don't know. Preference in order is for 3 unitary (District Councils Main), 3 unitary (District Councils Modified), 3 unitary (Devon County Council), 4 unitary (Torbay), and then 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter).

Individuals living in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
3 Unitary (Devon CC)	13920	43%	44%	10%	2%
3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	12252	39%	46%	12%	3%
3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	14169	27%	58%	12%	3%
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	14040	20%	70%	7%	3%
4 Unitary (Torbay)	13282	15%	73%	9%	3%

32. The responses from individuals living in the area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay demonstrate a preference for the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal. 43% of respondents to the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal provided positive responses to the questions and 44% of respondents provided negative responses. 12% were responses of neither agree nor disagree or don't know. Preference in order is for 3 unitary (Devon County Council), 3 unitary (District Councils Main), 3 unitary (District Councils Modified), 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) and then 4 unitary (Torbay).

Individuals living outside of the affected area

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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3 Unitary (Devon CC)	329	36%	52%	8%	4%
3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	301	37%	48%	12%	3%
3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	320	33%	46%	17%	4%
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	296	29%	58%	8%	5%
4 Unitary (Torbay)	304	19%	68%	8%	5%

33. The responses from individuals living outside the area of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay demonstrate a preference for the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal. 37% of respondents to the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal provided positive responses to the questions and 48% of respondents provided negative responses. 15% were responses of neither agree nor disagree or don't know. Preference in order is for 3 unitary (District Councils Main), 3 unitary (Devon County Council), 3 unitary (District Councils Modified), 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) and then 4 unitary (Torbay).

Organisations

<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
3 Unitary (Devon CC)	325	36%	33%	25%	6%
3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	313	40%	29%	25%	6%
3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	350	29%	40%	26%	5%
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	366	17%	54%	23%	5%
4 Unitary (Torbay)	340	8%	58%	27%	6%

34. The responses from organisations demonstrate a preference for the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal. 40% of respondents to the 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposal provided positive responses to the questions and 29% of respondents provided negative responses. 31% were responses of neither agree nor disagree or don't know. Preference in order is for 3 unitary (District Councils Main), 3 unitary (Devon County Council), 3 unitary (District Councils Modified), 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) and then 4 unitary (Torbay).

Analysis of responses by question

Question 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	11	9%	91%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	11	64%	27%	9%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	11	70%	20%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Council 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	100%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%

Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

<i>Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	6	50%	33%	17%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	17	47%	41%	12%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	44%	44%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	16	19%	75%	6%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	63%	6%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area</i>	1996	53%	43%	4%	1%

3 Unitary (Devon CC)					
Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1755	46%	48%	6%	1%
Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1779	34%	59%	5%	1%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1765	24%	72%	3%	1%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1667	18%	76%	4%	1%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	40%	57%	2%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	43	44%	47%	9%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	40	40%	53%	8%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	35%	62%	3%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	26%	74%	0%	0%
Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	51%	32%	17%	0%
Organisations	45	49%	29%	22%	0%

3 Unitary (District Councils Main)					
Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	44	43%	39%	16%	2%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	46	20%	63%	15%	2%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)	42	12%	62%	24%	2%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	2096	53%	43%	4%	1%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1860	46%	47%	6%	1%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1879	35%	58%	6%	1%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1864	24%	72%	4%	1%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1763	18%	75%	5%	1%

Question 2: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?

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<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Principal Councils	11	10%	90%	0%	0%

3 Unitary (Devon CC)					
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	11	70%	20%	10%	0%
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	11	70%	20%	10%	0%
Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	11	22%	78%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	11	20%	81%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	67%	0%	33%	0%
Education Bodies	3	33%	67%	0%	0%

3 Unitary (District Councils Main)					
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	67%	33%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	33%	33%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	33%	33%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector	1	0%	100%	0%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	16	50%	31%	19%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	44%	31%	25%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	15	20%	60%	20%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1990	48%	44%	8%	1%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1753	41%	47%	10%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area</i>	1771	29%	59%	10%	2%

3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)					
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1758	21%	72%	6%	1%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1664	16%	75%	7%	2%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	38%	53%	2%	6%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	43	42%	47%	9%	2%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	40	38%	50%	10%	3%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	32%	59%	3%	5%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	18%	68%	11%	3%
Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	38%	28%	23%	11%
Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	45	44%	31%	20%	4%
Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	44	32%	39%	23%	7%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	46	26%	48%	20%	7%

Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)	43	14%	60%	21%	5%
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Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	2100	47%	44%	8%	1%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1857	41%	46%	10%	2%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1871	29%	58%	10%	2%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1856	21%	71%	6%	2%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1761	16%	74%	8%	2%

Question3: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	11	9%	82%	9%	0%
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	11	73%	27%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	11	80%	20%	0%	0%

Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	11	10%	80%	10%	0%
Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	11	10%	80%	10%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

3 Unitary (Devon CC)					
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	67%	33%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	33%	37%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	67%	33%	0%
Education Bodies	3	33%	33%	33%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	33%	33%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies	1	100%	0%	0%	0%

3 Unitary (Devon CC)					
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	17	29%	59%	12%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	17	53%	41%	6%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	50%	38%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	16	13%	69%	19%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	25%	56%	19%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1994	46%	45%	8%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1751	41%	46%	11%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1767	31%	56%	11%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1756	21%	71%	7%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1663	15%	76%	7%	2%

Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	40%	51%	9%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	43	40%	47%	14%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	40	33%	45%	20%	3%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	30%	62%	5%	3%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	18%	74%	3%	5%
Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	46	35%	35%	26%	4%
Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	44	48%	27%	23%	2%
Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	43	33%	35%	28%	5%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	45	20%	47%	29%	4%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)	43	5%	67%	23%	5%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	2104	45%	45%	8%	2%

Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1855	41%	45%	12%	2%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1866	31%	55%	12%	2%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1854	21%	70%	7%	2%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1760	15%	76%	7%	3%

Question 4: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	11	80%	20%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 3 Unitary (East Devon)	11	78%	22%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	33%	33%	33%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	0%	67%	33%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	100%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary Councils (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	16	50%	31%	19%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	15	47%	47%	7%	0%
Total Named Consultees	16	19%	69%	13%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	63%	6%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1983	41%	45%	11%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1749	37%	47%	13%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1767	25%	58%	13%	3%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1752	19%	71%	8%	3%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1658	14%	74%	9%	3%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	47	36%	49%	13%	2%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	43	33%	47%	16%	5%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	40	33%	48%	18%	3%

<i>Individual living outside affected area</i> 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	30%	59%	8%	3%
<i>Individual living outside affected area</i> 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	16%	71%	8%	5%
<i>Organisations</i> 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	45	36%	29%	27%	9%
<i>Organisations</i> 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	45	42%	29%	24%	4%
<i>Organisation</i> 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	44	30%	36%	25%	9%
<i>Organisations</i> 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	46	9%	57%	26%	9%
<i>Organisations</i> 4 Unitary (Torbay)	42	0%	69%	24%	7%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Total all responses</i> 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	2091	41%	45%	11%	2%
<i>Total all responses</i> 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1853	37%	47%	14%	2%
<i>Total all responses</i> 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1866	26%	57%	14%	3%
<i>Total all responses</i> 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1851	19%	70%	8%	3%

<i>Total all responses</i> <i>4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1754	14%	74%	9%	3%
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Question 5: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Principal Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	11	9%	82%	9%	0%
<i>Principal Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	11	64%	27%	9%	0%
<i>Principal Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	11	70%	20%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils</i> <i>4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils</i> <i>4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils</i> <i>3 Unitary</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils</i> <i>4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils</i> <i>4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)					
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	100	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%

Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

4 Unitary (Torbay)					
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	17	29%	59%	12%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	17	47%	35%	18%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	50%	38%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	16	19%	75%	6%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1985	38%	46%	12%	4%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1745	36%	46%	14%	4%
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1771	22%	59%	14%	5%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1749	17%	71%	8%	4%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1659	14%	73%	9%	5%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	22	30%	47%	13%	11%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	23	30%	53%	12%	5%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	19	30%	48%	15%	8%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	21	16%	57%	14%	14%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	25	16%	66%	11%	8%

Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	30%	40%	19%	11%
Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	44	34%	30%	23%	14%
Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	43	30%	42%	23%	5%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	46	13%	65%	15%	7%
Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)	42	10%	52%	26%	12%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	2096	38%	46%	12%	4%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1849	35%	46%	14%	5%
Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1870	23%	58%	14%	5%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1848	17%	71%	9%	4%
Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1755	14%	72%	9%	5%

Question 6: To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	11	10%	80%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	11	80%	20%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	11	80%	20%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority Proposal 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	67%	33%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%

Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

3 Unitary (Devon CC)					
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	16	31%	59%	12%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	16	56%	35%	18%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	56%	38%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	16	19%	75%	6%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
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Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1988	42%	37%	16%	5%
Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1746	36%	39%	18%	7%
Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1771	25%	51%	17%	7%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1753	20%	63%	12%	6%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1659	15%	66%	14%	6%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	36%	43%	11%	11%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	43	35%	47%	9%	9%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	40	28%	35%	23%	15%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	35%	43%	11%	11%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	21%	53%	16%	11%
Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	46	37%	30%	26%	7%

<i>Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	45	38%	24%	29%	9%
<i>Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	44	34%	39%	20%	7%
<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	46	26%	46%	20%	9%
<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	43	14%	44%	33%	9%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	2097	42%	37%	16%	6%
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1850	36%	39%	18%	7%
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1871	26%	50%	17%	7%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1852	20%	62%	12%	6%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1756	15%	65%	14%	6%

Question 7: To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	11	10%	80%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	11	70%	20%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	11	70%	10%	20%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	11	10%	80%	10%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	11	20%	80%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Education Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	67%	33%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%

Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	3	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	3	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	3	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	3	0%	0%	0%	0%
National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)	3	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

<i>Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other Named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	16	38%	50%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	16	56%	31%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	16	50%	31%	19%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	16	13%	75%	13%	0%
Total Named Consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)	16	31%	56%	13%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	1984	36%	50%	11%	2%
<i>Individual living in affected area</i>	1753	38%	46%	13%	3%

3 Unitary (District Councils Main)					
Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	1776	25%	59%	13%	3%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	1757	20%	69%	8%	3%
Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	1665	15%	73%	9%	3%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	30%	62%	9%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	43	35%	51%	12%	2%
Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	40	35%	48%	15%	3%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	37	27%	65%	8%	0%
Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)	38	18%	71%	5%	5%
Organisations 3 Unitary (Devon CC)	47	23%	38%	36%	2%
Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)	45	24%	36%	36%	4%
Organisation 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	44	11%	50%	39%	0%

<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	46	11%	52%	35%	2%
<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	43	5%	51%	42%	2%

Total Responses Question

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	2094	36%	50%	12%	2%
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	1857	37%	46%	14%	3%
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1876	25%	58%	14%	3%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1856	20%	69%	8%	3%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1762	15%	73%	9%	3%

Question 8: If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on this proposal.

<i>Respondent type/Proposal</i>	<i>Total Named consultees</i>	<i>Total Individuals living in area</i>	<i>Total Individuals not in area</i>	<i>Total Organisation</i>
<i>3 Unitary (Devon CC)</i>	6	1298	32	40
<i>3 Unitary (District Councils Main)</i>	6	1069	24	40

3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)	6	1038	22	38
4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)	4	1134	23	39
4 Unitary (Torbay)	6	979	20	34

35. We also received 82 responses by email and post. 21 were from named consultees, 14 were from individuals living in area, 16 were from individuals not in area or who did not specify their location, 58 were from organisations. A summary of the views shared in these responses is included within the summaries below.

Summary of named consultee responses

Principal Councils

36. Responses from principal councils supported the proposals that they put forward. Councils who put forward the 3 unitary (District Councils Main) proposal also expressed support for the 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposal. Councils who put forward the 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposal also expressed support for the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal. Exeter and Plymouth also expressed support for the 4 unitary (Torbay) proposal and Torbay also expressed limited support for the 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) proposal. There was little additional support for the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal, with concerns that it would create a single area that is too large and unbalanced to work effectively.

Neighbouring Principal Councils

37. There were no responses to the consultation from neighbouring principal councils.

Strategic Authorities

38. Feedback received highlighted a neutral position and stated a focus on broader system considerations that would be important whichever option is chosen.

Health Bodies

39. Health partners did not show support for any specific proposal. Their response, focused on maintaining existing partnerships, the importance of place-based working, and future arrangements to reflect local circumstances.

Other Public Sector Bodies

40. Responses from other public sector bodies did not show support for a specific proposal. Their responses requested that local government reorganisation consider the statutory role and independence of the Exmoor National Park Authority, ensuring continued local representation and the support of rural and coastal communities.

Education Bodies

41. Responses from Education bodies did not show a preference for any of the proposal. Proposals with boundary change were looked at more positively, as better supporting city growth and economic benefits while keeping a clear rural identity.

Voluntary and Community Sector

42. Responses from the Voluntary and Community sector did not show a preference for any proposals but wanted new arrangements to reflect both urban and rural needs. With strong evidence and consultation, support effective partnerships, service integration, and improved community and health outcomes.

Business Bodies

43. Responses from business bodies showed support for the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal. A key concern is that local government reorganisation may negatively affect business support, which is already seen as inconsistent across areas.

Comments against the criteria

44. **For criteria 1: A proposal should seek to achieve for the whole of the area concerned the establishment of a single tier of local government.** Concerns were raised that the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal would create an area that is too large, uneven and not aligned with local economies, and that it fails to address Plymouth's boundaries and Torbay's size. There were concerns that boundary change in the 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposal could split communities, create unclear or unnatural areas. There was also concern that the Exeter and Torbay 4 unitary proposals would create unclear or illogical structures, leading to financial pressures, weaker service delivery particularly in rural areas.
45. **For criteria 2: Unitary local government must be the right size to achieve efficiencies, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks.** Concerns were raised that the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal would be too large to meet local needs. Concerns were noted that the other 3 unitary proposals would not fully reflect Plymouth's wider economy or solve financial issues, with the proposed expansion of Plymouth seen as too limited. There was concern that the 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) proposal could shift growth to urban areas and leave a large rural area struggling financially, while the 4 unitary (Torbay) proposal was seen as costly and potentially not financially sustainable, particularly for smaller or rural areas.

46. **For criteria 3: Unitary structures must prioritise the delivery of high quality and sustainable public services to citizens.** Concerns were raised across all proposals that changes to services and boundaries could cause disruption, with risks from both centralising and splitting services. There were worries this could add more bureaucracy and complexity rather than improve services, especially for vulnerable groups, and that urban and rural needs were not fully considered. Overall, there was concern that this could weaken joined up working and not improve outcomes.
47. **For criteria 4: Proposals should show how councils in the area have sought to work together in coming to a view that meets local needs and is informed by local views.** Concerns were raised that some proposals were not properly informed by strong local engagement. The 3 unitary (District Councils Main) and 3 unitary (District Councils Modified) proposals were criticised for limited consultation and not fully testing public support, raising concerns about trust. There was concern that the 4 unitary proposals had limited and uneven engagement, with too much focus on certain areas and not enough wider input, leading to doubts about whether they reflect local views.
48. **For criteria 5: New unitary structures must support devolution arrangements.** Concerns were raised that the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal was too large, which could weaken local decision-making. Concerns were noted that the other 3 unitary proposals were seen as not ready for devolution and needing more political agreement as they could create an unbalanced system. Concerns were raised that the 4 unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) proposal did not fully consider the needs of rural and coastal areas, causing issues of fair representation and local identity. Concerns were also raised about the balance of the 4 unitary (Torbay) proposal and the issues this would cause in terms of governance.
49. **For criteria 6: New unitary structures should enable stronger community engagement and deliver genuine opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment.** Concerns were raised that the 3 unitary (Devon County Council) proposal was too large and unable to reflect real communities. Concerns were raised about the grouping and splitting of communities in the other 3 unitary proposals. Concerns were also noted that in the 4 unitary proposals community voice and representation could be weakened due to unclear governance and geographically large, spread out rural authorities.

The themes identified by the AI tool were as follows:

50. **Loss of Local identity and representation.** Concerns were raised that local identity and representation could be weakened, making decision-making feel more distant from communities. Additional concerns were raised that proposed groupings do not reflect real communities or local ties, grouping areas together in ways that feel artificial which could break existing links, especially in rural areas, leading to poorer representation and services that are less suited to local needs.

51. **Financial risk and doubts about efficiency.** Concerns were raised about financial risks and whether the new unitaries will improve efficiency or value for money. The responses suggested that any changes may increase costs, create more bureaucracy, and bring high transition expenses. Additional concerns suggested that proposals are financially unsustainable, especially for rural areas, with risks of higher council tax, duplication of services, and unfair distribution of funding. Overall, there are strong concerns that the reorganisation could lead to higher costs, greater financial instability, and fail to deliver the efficiencies it promises.
52. **Urban–rural inequality and imbalance.** Concerns were raised in relation to combining urban and rural areas, that this could create imbalance, with cities having more influence and rural communities being left behind. Additional concerns suggested that some options could lead to large, centralised authorities that weaken local identity, reduce representation, and make decision-making feel remote, especially in rural and coastal areas. Responses suggested that some options offer a better balance but there is a strong concern that most would widen the gap between urban and rural areas, leading to rural communities being underrepresented, underfunded, and losing their identity and voice.
53. **Service delivery disruption and fragmentation.** Concerns were raised that changes could disrupt services and reduce their quality, especially for vulnerable and rural communities, that reorganisation may cause short-term disruption to important services and may not fix existing problems. Additional concerns raised were that some options could lead to services being split or duplicated, making them harder to manage and less consistent, although there may be some opportunities to improve local focus. Responses suggest that there is a strong concern that reorganisation could fragment services, create differences in service quality between areas, and make it harder to deliver reliable support—particularly in areas like social care.
54. **Governance structure, size, and complexity.** Concerns were raised across all the proposals that that very large or split authorities could be difficult to manage and may not work well for local communities, that proposed councils are too big and complex, making it harder to respond to different local needs. Additional concerns included proposals could lead to fragmented systems with duplicated roles and unclear responsibilities. Responses also expressed doubts about whether leadership and governance structures would be strong enough to deliver effective services. Further concerns were raised that changes could bring disruption, more bureaucracy, and long adjustment periods, with plans and accountability not always clearly set out. Responses suggested a strong concern that reorganisation could create complexity and confusion rather than improving how services are run, especially in rural areas.

Summary of paper and emailed non-named consultee responses

55. Emailed and paper responses noted the importance of local identity and democratic accountability; concerns about more remote decision-making and increased councillor workloads; and the need for councils to be financially sustainable and appropriately sized. Respondents also considered whether

proposed geographies reflect functional economic areas and service footprints, in particular those options that expanded Plymouth's boundaries and the subsequent parish arrangements. Service delivery and integration, transition risks, and the extent of engagement were also raised, alongside potential benefits such as clearer accountability, better service alignment and stronger

Question 9: Three proposals were accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposals set out strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change? This question was asked in relation to the following proposals, 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified), 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) and 4 Unitary (Torbay).

Summary of Named Consultee Responses

<i>Respondent type</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Principal Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	4	25%	75%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	2	50%	50%	0%	0%
<i>Principal Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	3	67%	33%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Neighbouring Councils 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Strategic Authority 4 Unitary</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%

<i>(Plymouth and Exeter)</i>					
<i>Strategic Authority 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Health Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Health Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Police and Fire and Rescue Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Education Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	3	0%	67%	33%	0%
<i>Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	3	33%	67%	0%	0%
<i>Education Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	3	33%	33%	33%	0%
<i>Other Public Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
<i>Other Public Sector 4 Unitary</i>	1	0%	0%	100%	0%

<i>(Plymouth and Exeter)</i>					
<i>Other Public Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1	0%	0%	100%	0%
<i>Voluntary and Community Sector 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<i>Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<i>Voluntary and Community Sector 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1	100%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Business Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<i>Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<i>Business Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1	0%	100%	0%	0%
<i>National Bodies 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>National Bodies 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>National Bodies 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other named consultees 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

<i>Other named consultees 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%
<i>Other named consultees 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	0	0%	0%	0%	0%

Individuals and Organisation (not named consultees)

<i>Respondent type</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Individual living in affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1767	21%	62%	13%	4%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1750	18%	70%	8%	4%
<i>Individual living in affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1647	13%	72%	10%	5%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	40	30%	40%	28%	3%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	37	27%	57%	14%	3%
<i>Individual living outside affected area 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	38	18%	71%	8%	3%
<i>Organisations 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	44	16%	41%	36%	7%

<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	45	16%	58%	22%	4%
<i>Organisations 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	42	7%	60%	24%	10%
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1860	21%	6%	14%	4%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1840	19%	69%	8%	4%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1736	14%	72%	10%	5%

Total Responses Question 9

<i>Respondent type</i>	<i>No. of responses</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Negative</i>	<i>Neither Agree nor Disagree</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	1861	21%	61%	14%	4%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	1840	19%	69%	8%	4%
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	1736	14%	72%	10%	5%

Total Responses Question 10

If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 9.

<i>Respondent type</i>	<i>Total Named Consultees</i>	<i>Total Individuals living in Area</i>	<i>Total individuals not in area</i>	<i>Total Organisation</i>
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<i>Total all responses 3 Unitary (District Councils Modified)</i>	5	690	10	28
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter)</i>	3	723	15	28
<i>Total all responses 4 Unitary (Torbay)</i>	5	634	10	27

56. We also received 82 responses by email and post. 21 were from named consultees, 14 were from individuals living in area, 16 were from individuals not in area or did not specify their location, 58 were from organisations. A summary of the views relevant to this question shared in these responses is included within the summaries below.

Summary of Local Government Boundary Commission (The Commission) Response

57. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England provided observations on the evidence provided to support the boundary change request within the 4 Unitary (District Councils Modified), 4 Unitary (Plymouth and Exeter) and 4 Unitary (Torbay) proposals, drawing on its Principal Area Boundary Review expertise. It considered the evidence in the proposals as it related to the identity and interests of local communities, and the promotion of effective and convenient local government. The Commission observed that, across all proposals, while efforts have been made there was relatively little detail to support the specific boundary changes that were put forward.

Summary of named consultee responses

Principal Councils

58. Principal Councils supported their own proposals. Councils raised concerns about how boundary changes had been applied. Concerns included that proposals lacked clear justification, local support and adequate consultation, including that affected communities had not been properly engaged. There were also concerns that some proposed boundary changes were too limited to address underlying financial and service challenges, while in other cases they were seen as overly complex, especially where they involved splitting parishes. Councils also highlighted risks to governance, reduced rural and coastal representation, and potential disruption from service disaggregation.

Neighbouring Principal Councils

59. There were no responses to the consultation from neighbouring principal councils.

Health Bodies

60. Health partners did not comment on boundary change specifically but noted that none of the options were fully coterminous with the NHS footprint.

Other Public Sector

61. One other public sector organisation responded but did not specifically mention boundary change in their consultation response.

Education Bodies

62. We received four responses from education bodies. Two were neutral. One supported the expansion of Torbay but stated that it should go further. One opposed all boundary change proposals.

Comments against the criteria

63. **For criteria 1: A proposal should seek to achieve for the whole of the area concerned the establishment of a single tier of local government.** Concerns raised by respondents included that boundary changes would disadvantage rural communities, erode local identity, reduce representation, and prioritise urban needs over rural interests. Concerns were also raised about the capability and capacity of the expanding councils to manage larger or more diverse areas effectively as standalone authorities.
64. **For criteria 2: Unitary local government must be the right size to achieve efficiencies, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks.** There were concerns that boundary changes make proposals financially unsustainable, that they would increase costs and create instability for smaller or less affluent areas. Concerns were also raised about the ability to deliver the promised efficiencies, with some suggesting that there would be increased financial risks leading to unfair resource distribution.
65. **For criteria 3: Unitary structures must prioritise the delivery of high quality and sustainable public services to citizens.** Concerns were raised that boundary changes could disrupt and fragment public services and adversely affect vulnerable residents. Respondents also felt it could cause resource constraints and result in poorer and less tailored services for rural communities. Boundary changes were also cited as likely to fragment partnerships, lower service quality, increase bureaucracy and costs, and disrupt existing arrangements in social care, health, and education.
66. **For criteria 4: Proposals should show how councils in the area have sought to work together in coming to a view that meets local needs and is informed by local views.** Respondents raised concerns about the level of public opposition to boundary change options.
67. **For criteria 5: New unitary structures must support devolution arrangements.** Comments on boundary change did not relate to criterion 5.

68. **For criteria 6: New unitary structures should enable stronger community engagement and deliver genuine opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment.** Comments on boundary change did not relate to criterion 6.

The themes identified by the AI tool across all the boundary change options were as follows:

69. **Negative impact on rural areas and representation.** Concerns were raised across all three proposals with boundary change that they may disadvantage rural areas by reducing representation and prioritising urban interests, that they eroded local and cultural identity. There were also concerns that boundary changes would group together dissimilar communities, leading to poorer, less tailored services for rural areas and weakening the ability of local people to influence decisions.
70. **Scepticism about financial sustainability and efficiency claims.** Concerns were raised across all three proposals with boundary change that boundary changes had high implementation costs, increased bureaucracy and inefficiency, with doubts over their ability to achieve long-term financial sustainability. There were also doubts that expected savings will be realised, alongside fears of rising costs, growing debt and constrained resources. Concerns were also raised that boundary changes would fragment existing partnerships and disrupt services, particularly across social care, health and education, potentially reducing service quality while increasing both complexity and costs.
71. **Lack of strong justification for boundary change.** Concerns were raised across all three proposals with boundary change that the boundary changes lacked clear, robust, and evidence-based justification, especially regarding improvements to public services or financial sustainability.
72. **Political and financial motivations of Councils (political motivations in relation to the 4 unitary options but favouring urban areas across all options).** Concerns were raised in two out of the three proposals with boundary changes that the boundary changes were being driven by political motives, including urban council self interest and efforts to expand tax bases, rather than delivering genuine public benefit. Respondents raised concerns about boundary changes favouring urban areas and disadvantaging rural communities, that decision-making is not impartial and does not reflect the needs of the whole area.
73. **Boundary changes increase complexity, disruption, and inefficiency.** Concerns were raised across all three proposals that boundary changes would create administrative complexity, disrupt established services, duplicate efforts, and lead to inefficiency and unnecessary costs.

Summary of paper and emailed non-named consultee responses

74. Many respondents did not express a clear view specifically on boundary change, instead focusing on wider issues. Where views were given, they were mixed. Some respondents supported boundary changes where these were

seen to better reflect economic geographies or create more balanced and sustainable unitary areas, but many raised concerns or opposed specific changes, particularly where proposals involved splitting districts, expanding urban areas into rural communities, or creating large and uneven geographies. Key issues included the potential loss of community identity and local representation, the risk that rural areas would be overshadowed within urban focused structures, and challenges around travel distances, accessibility, and service delivery across large or dispersed areas. Respondents also highlighted concerns about the complexity and deliverability of some proposals, particularly those involving multiple boundary changes or new governance layers, although a small number identified potential benefits such as improved alignment with functional economic areas and stronger strategic coordination.