



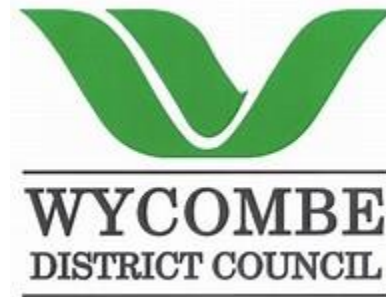
Risborough Area Residents Association

Presentation to RARA AGM on
the Modernisation of Local
Government in
Buckinghamshire
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Currently there are 5 Councils in Buckinghamshire



What next?

- All these 5 Councils will be abolished on 31st March 2020
- There will be a new single unitary Council from 1st April 2020



What are the benefits?

- The new council will be more efficient and save money for taxpayers, helping to create a simpler, stronger and better value county-wide council.
- Benefits of the unitary Buckinghamshire Council include:



Single point of contact

One council responsible for all services so you always know who to contact.



Improved services

Reduced costs will leave more to spend on improving the services that matter to you.



Local level decision making

Through local working including working with parish and town councils, we will bring local services and decision making to your community.



Increased buying power

As one single authority we will be stronger and have a larger voice regionally and nationally.



Regional collaboration

Taking the best expertise from all five existing councils to make future services better for everyone across Buckinghamshire.

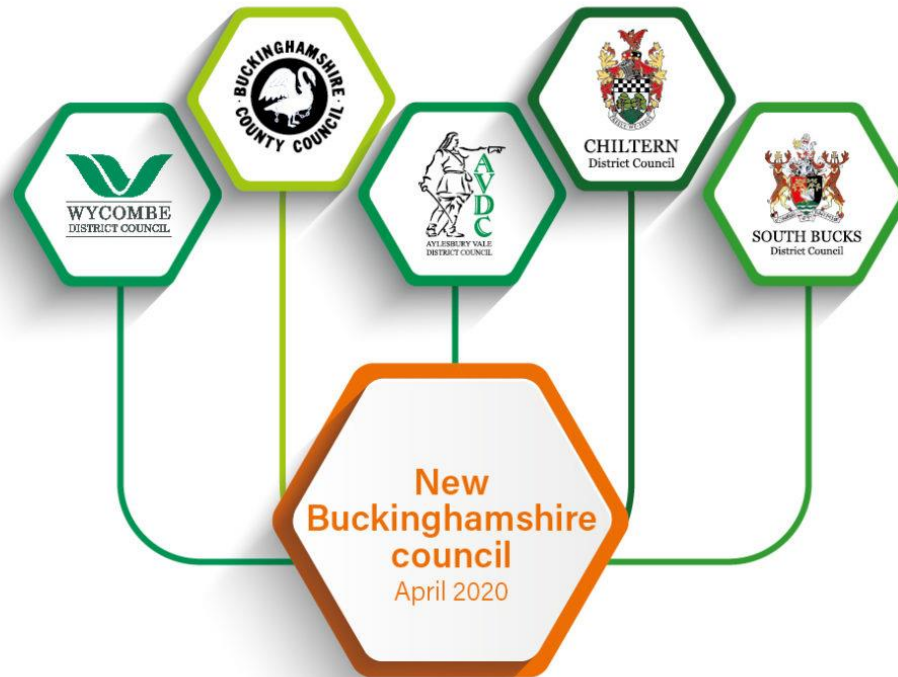


Clearer accountability

One authority will be accountable for the services provided.

How will it affect me?

There will be no immediate changes to services so don't worry – your bins will still be collected as normal, the streets will still be cleaned and everything else you rely on day-to-day will carry on.



How many Councillors?

- Currently there are 49 County Council Divisions:
- There will be 3 seats per division with a total of :

- **147 Councillors**

- Elections taking place on 7th May 2020
- The following election will be in May 2025 and then every 4 years

Who is the new CEO?

Rachael Shimmin - Chief Executive



Who are the Corporate Management team?



- Sarah Ashmead-Deputy Chief Executive of Buckinghamshire Council
- Richard Barker – Corporate Director for Communities
- Joe O’Sullivan – Corporate Director for Resources
- Gill Quinton – Corporate Director for Adult Services and Health
- Ian Thompson – Corporate Director Planning, Growth and Sustainability
- Tolis Vouyioukas – Corporate Director Children’s Services

Community Boards

- **What are community boards and how would they work in Buckinghamshire?**
- Community boards would bring together Buckinghamshire Council councillors with local communities to help solve local issues. They would provide a vital link between the council, elected councillors and communities.
- These local issues could include improving facilities for young people, tackling social isolation of older people or helping to set up a community bus.

Who would be able to get involved in community boards?

- The proposal is that Buckinghamshire Council councillors from the local area would sit on their local board. To be effective community boards would also need to include people and organisations from the local community.

This could include other public services such as fire services, police and health, residents, parish and town councils and young people.



UPDATE ON COMMUNITY BOARDS

- On Tuesday 3rd December , the Shadow Executive agreed that there would be a total of :

16

Planning

- Proposal is for 5 planning areas.
- Reason?
- Local planning applications determined at local level

Questions?

- Thank you