



“A big Council is needed to tackle the big challenges we face such as climate change, the cost-of-living crisis and our ageing population. We’ll be stronger together as a single Council – and we’ll fight hard for the things that matter to you. We’ll see some immediate benefits of course, but it’s the months and years ahead where we’ll continue to make meaningful progress that will change people’s lives forever.”

Councillor Bill Revans

Leader, Somerset Council



“Somerset Council will be the second largest unitary come 1 April 2023. The new Council, provides significant opportunities for Somerset. Our combined teams are ready and able to realise our ambitions to benefit our residents, businesses and visitors. We are in a period of change. The potential out there is seismic - and it will be grasped by this ambitious, energised, new Somerset Council.”

Duncan Sharkey

Chief Executive, Somerset Council

Introducing your new...



Somerset Council

Our vision is to build a fairer, greener, flourishing and resilient county.

A Somerset Council with a single contact point, making things simpler for residents, communities and businesses.

**A single number. A single website.
Your Somerset Council.**

Telephone:

 **0300 123 2224**

Website:

 **www.somerset.gov.uk**

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A single Somerset Council gives us the scale to make a bigger impact on the issues that most affect people's lives

This is why we are doing it

- ✓ **A single council contact point** - from April 2023 a single phone number and a single website for the whole of Somerset will be in place, making things simpler for residents, communities and businesses. It will help end confusion and avoid duplication.
- ✓ **Investment in services** - a new Somerset Council will free-up an estimated £18.5 million of revenue every year to invest in local communities, prevention, and service improvements, to ensure long term financial sustainability.
- ✓ **Stronger voice** - Somerset will be better able to compete for funding and new jobs, to stand up for businesses, support infrastructure and encourage growth in our county's economy.
- ✓ **Serving our communities** - Local people will have real power to influence decisions about their area, as 18 Local Community Networks (LCNs) will be set up across the county. They'll decide what's most important for their locality and work together to agree how best to achieve it.

These are just some of the things we do

Bins and recycling	Public Health	Highways
Fly tipping prevention	Education	Road improvements
Council Tax support	Sheltered Housing	Libraries
Foster caring	Planning	Theatres
Environmental Health	Public toilets	CCTV
Help for rough sleepers	Parks and play areas	Fairs
Licensing	Looking after children	Markets
Beach and Port management	Adult Social Care	Trading Standards
Regeneration	Transport	Car parks
Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities	Tree planting	Dog waste bins

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