
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No. 329

The Somerset (Structural Changes) Order 2022

PART 2

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE TIER OF LOCAL
GOVERNMENT IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

Single tier of local government in Somerset

3.—(1) On or after 1st April 2023 the Somerset Council is the sole principal authority for Somerset.

(2) For the purposes of enactments relating to local government, there shall be a new district, whose area shall be co-terminous with Somerset; and the name of that new district is Somerset.

(3) If the Somerset County Council passes a resolution that the word “county” should be omitted from its name, its name shall be “the Somerset Council” and subsection (3) of section 2 of the 1972 Act (constitution of principal counties in England) shall cease to apply so far as it prescribes the name of that council.

Abolition of districts and dissolution of district councils

4. On 1st April 2023—

- (a) the following local government areas are abolished—
 - (i) the district of Mendip;
 - (ii) the district of Sedgemoor
 - (iii) the district of Somerset West and Taunton; and
 - (iv) the district of South Somerset; and
- (b) the district councils are wound up and dissolved.

Cessation of term of office of district councillors

5. Every person who holds office as a councillor of one of the district councils immediately before 1st April 2023 ceases to hold office on that date.