

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Timeline

<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>
December 2024	Government publishes Devolution White Paper
February 2025	Minister “invites” Councils to submit initial options
March 2025	Councils submit initial options including 1, 2, 3 & 4 Unitary Councils
July / August 2025	Key stakeholder “consultations”
September 2025	Resident consultation
28 November 2025	Hertfordshire submit formal proposal(s)
Spring 2026	Government discussions with Council
Summer 2026	Government decide on approach
May 2027	“Shadow” Unitary Authority elections
April 2028	Vesting day for Unitary Authorities

Financial Comparisons of Existing Councils

	Annual Council Tax 2025/26 Band D £	Surplus / (Deficit) Provision of Services 2023/24 £m	Usable Reserves 31st March 2024 £m
Three Rivers	2,293.18	0.4	43.1
Watford	2,343.38	(69.1)	104.4
Dacorum	2,271.02	(19.7)	92.3
Hertsmere	2,247.54	(17.0)	53.8
St Albans	2,257.13	(2.6)	30.5

OPTIONS

2 UNITARY



WEST

- Dacorum
- Hertsmere
- St Albans
- Three Rivers
- Watford

EAST

- Broxbourne
- East Herts
- North Herts
- Stevenage
- Welwyn Hatfield

3 UNITARY



WEST

- Dacorum
- Three Rivers
- Watford

PLUS Bushey North & Bushey
South County Electoral Divisions

CENTRAL

- Hertsmere
- St Albans
- Welwyn Hatfield

MINUS Bushey North & Bushey
South County Electoral Divisions

EAST

- Broxbourne
- East Herts
- North Herts
- Stevenage

4 UNITARY



WEST

- Dacorum
- St Albans

SOUTH-WEST

- Hertsmere
- Three Rivers
- Watford

CENTRAL

- North Herts
- Stevenage
- Welwyn Hatfield

MINUS wards from North Herts
District Council & from Welwyn
Hatfield Borough Council.

EAST

- Broxbourne
- East Herts

PLUS wards from North Herts
District Council & from Welwyn
Hatfield Borough Council.

Cost &
Efficiency



Localism



Service Quality
Sustainability



Strategic
Alignment

