

A Case for Two Councils in Warwickshire

This is a summary of the submission made by NWBC/NBBC/WDC and SDC.

Warwickshire is a county of diverse communities, economies, and heritage. The North and South benefit from **TWO** distinct identities, priorities and geography and will deliver simpler, stronger and more efficient local government, whilst keeping councils closer to the people they serve.

Warwickshire currently has six councils which make up the two tier structure:

- **North Warwickshire:** North Warwickshire Borough Council, Nuneaton & Bedworth, and Rugby Borough Councils.
- **South Warwickshire:** Stratford and Warwick District Councils.



Benefits of North/South Warwickshire:

- 1  Driving inclusive economic growth and creating better jobs.
- 2  Improving healthy life expectancy, especially in the north.
- 3  Increasing housing supply and affordability, with better infrastructure.
- 4  Transforming social care and SEND services - better outcomes at lower cost.
- 5  Raising educational attainment and adult skills.
- 6  Enhancing transport and digital connectivity.
- 7  Accelerating action on climate change.
- 8  Delivering simpler, more accessible, and better services.
- 9  Building greater pride of place, with stronger town centres and high streets.
- 10  Closely reflecting the place where our residents live

North/South Warwickshire meets the criteria:



Sensible geography

73% of residents surveyed agreed; a single unitary is too big and too far removed.



Financially efficient

Delivering £55m net savings by 2029/30 and council tax levels for the south councils are closer.



Better services

Locally responsive, focused on community need.



Local place identity

Build on existing collaboration in the south.



Supports Devolution

Greater flexibility to join a Strategic Authority, a stronger platform for local voices.

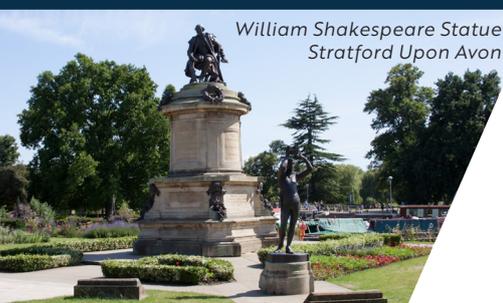


Stronger community engagement

Decision making is closer to people, builds on the strengths of districts and boroughs.



The George Eliot statue, Nuneaton



William Shakespeare Statue Stratford Upon Avon

Two Unitaries for Warwickshire



Better services, closer to home