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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about the findings of the public consultation undertaken by the County Council from September 2020 and concluding on 21st October 2020, into the County Council's Unitary Council proposals.

The results of the autumn 2020 Your Nottinghamshire Your Future online survey are as follows:

Individual Responses:

- There were 7,364 individual respondents to the engagement questionnaire.
- 90% of individual respondents claimed to be either very or fairly aware of the current structure with eight councils; 10% claimed to be fairly or very unaware
- 76% of individual respondents indicated that they feel informed (either very or fairly) about which councils provide which services. 24% felt uninformed.
- 54% of individual respondents agreed that the eight councils need to make changes to respond to the challenges, 34% disagreed
- 45% of individual respondents agreed that there is a case for reducing the number of councils, 46% disagreed
- 41% of individual respondents agreed with the principle of replacing the current two-tier structure with a unitary system, 53% disagreed
- If a unitary system of councils were to be introduced, 62% of individual respondents would prefer to have more than one unitary council; 38% would favour a single unitary council.
- 92% of individual respondents felt it was at least fairly important for decisions affecting their town or village to be made locally, in the event of a unitary system being introduced

Responses from organisations:

- 25 organisations responded to the questionnaire.
- 24 out of 25 organisations said they were at least fairly aware of the existing structure of eight councils
- 21 out of 25 organisations felt at least fairly informed about the provision of services.
- 11 organisations agreed that the councils should make changes to respond to the challenges; 8 disagreed.
- 9 organisations agreed that there is a case for reducing the number of councils; 12 disagreed.
- 15 organisations disagreed with the principle of introducing a unitary system; 7 agreed.
- If a unitary system of councils were to be introduced, 15 of the organisations would prefer more than one unitary council, 6 of the organisations would prefer a single unitary council
- All 25 organisations felt that local decision making would be important in the event of a unitary system being introduced.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-048614-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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