

Dear Sir/Madam, Please could you provide a copy of the outcomes of your public survey regarding the survey and future of local government in Nottinghamshire. Please treat this as a Freedom of Information request. Thank you,

### **Consent for storing submitted data**

True

Further to your Freedom of Information Request, please find the Council's response as follows:

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

#### 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.

We hope this now answers your request, should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below.

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Yours sincerely

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