

Background and precedent for MHCLG consultation response

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Joint Committee guidance notes

In all four Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) areas (Essex, Hampshire, Norfolk and Suffolk), and in Surrey, Joint Committee membership has been agreed on a 50:50 basis between the County Council and the District/Borough councils.

Where an existing unitary council is part of the area covered by a Joint Committee, the split has been applied as 50% for the existing unitary council, with the remaining 50% shared between the County Council and the District/Borough councils.

For DPP areas, there has been a maximum of two members from District/Borough Councils, whereas Surrey had one member per District/Borough.

Where proposals involve boundary changes, Joint Committee membership includes a minimum of one member from each District/Borough council where any part of its area is included within the proposed unitary geography.

Surrey Joint Committees were set up as follows:

East Surrey Joint Committee

Member	Council	Type	Role in predecessor council	Political party
Bridget Kendrick	Mole Valley District Council	District/Borough	Chair, Leader	Liberal Democrats
David Lewis	Surrey County Council	County	Vice Chair, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	Conservative
Mike Rollings	Elmbridge Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Liberal Democrats
Hannah Dalton	Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Residents Associations of Epsom and Ewell

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Richard Biggs	Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Conservative
Natalie Bramhall	Surrey County Council	County	Cabinet Member for Property, Infrastructure and Waste	Conservatives
Helyn Clack	Surrey County Council	County	Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Lifelong Learning	Conservatives
Stephen Cooksey	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Liberal Democrats
Steven McCormick	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Conservatives
Catherine Sayer	Tandridge District Council	District/Borough	Leader	Residents' Alliance

East Surrey Summary:

- Districts and Boroughs = 5
- Surrey County Council = 5

West Surrey Joint Committee

Member	Council	Type	Role in predecessor council	Political party
Anne Marie Barker	Woking Borough Council	District/Borough	Chair, Leader	Liberal Democrats
Robert King	Runnymede Borough Council	District/Borough	Vice Chair, Co-Leader	Labour and co-operative
Julia McShane	Guildford Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Liberal Democrats

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Joanne Sexton	Spelthorne Borough Council	District/Borough	Group Leader	Resident's Association and Independents
Matt Furniss	Surrey County Council	County	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth	Conservatives
Mark Nuti	Surrey County Council	County	Cabinet Member for Health and Communities	Conservatives
Catherine Powell	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Resident's Association and Independents
Lance Spencer	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Liberal Democrats
Liz Townsend	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Liberal Democrats
Denise Turner Stewart	Surrey County Council	County	Councillor	Conservatives
Shaun Macdonald	Surrey Heath Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Liberal Democrats
Paul Follows	Waverley Borough Council	District/Borough	Leader	Liberal Democrats

Summary:

- Districts and Boroughs = 6
- Surrey County Council = 6

Chair of Joint Committees

The Cumbria and Surrey SCO did not name individuals for the Chair or Deputy Chair roles. If the Chair is not specified in the SCO, it is expected that the Chair will

be selected via a vote during the first meeting of the Joint Committee, which was the case in Surrey.

However, for the MHCLG guidance sent to DPP areas, Joint Committees which has an existing unitary council, the guidance has indicated that the Chair is to be a member of the unitary council, with the Deputy Chair determined by the Joint Committee and to not come from the unitary council.

Naming conventions used in DPP areas

County / Area	Proposed Unitary Name
Hampshire / Isle of Wight	North Hampshire Council
	Mid Hampshire Council
	South East Hampshire Council
	South West Hampshire Council
	Isle of Wight Council
Norfolk	West Norfolk Council
	Greater Norwich Council
	East Norfolk Council
Suffolk	Western Suffolk Council
	Central and Eastern Suffolk Council
	Ipswich and South Suffolk Council
Essex	West Essex Council
	North East Essex Council
	Mid Essex Council
	South West Essex Council
	South East Essex Council