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Dear Ian,

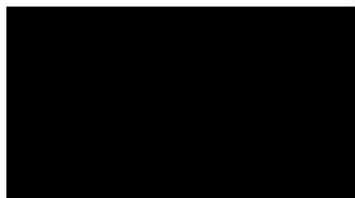
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Thank you for your letter of 13 July.

As you say, Councillor David Fothergill arranged to meet with me on 11 July, bringing with him Councillor Harvey Siggs, Leader of Mendip District Council, Councillor Faye Purbeck, his cabinet member for Education and Council Transformation, and Patrick Flaherty, his chief executive at the county.

David wanted to let me know his and his colleagues' thoughts about future reorganisation of Somerset. I outlined to him the Government's position on unitarisation, as I explained in your recent Westminster Hall debate on Somerset County Council's Plans for Unitary Status.

Having now spoken informally on this to some of our Somerset colleagues in the House, I plan to meet with all Somerset colleagues, including yourself, after summer recess, to discuss future local government in Somerset.



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Ian, have a good summer and look forward to discussing further after  
the Recen. Bgt. [REDACTED]