



Alison McGovern MP  
Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness  
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Dear Minister

On the 21 March 2025 the 15 principal Councils in Greater Essex along with the Police Fire and Crime Commissioner wrote to you with our interim plan for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Greater Essex. This document set out how we were working together to develop proposals for reorganisation and our emerging concepts for reorganisation.

Since writing to you last Councils in the Greater Essex area have been working to develop final proposals for LGR and are now pleased to submit four final business cases for your consideration. These are:

Proposal 1: A proposal for a three Unitary structure

Proposal 2: A proposal for a four Unitary structure (led by Rochford)

Proposal 3: A second proposal for a four Unitary structure (led by Thurrock)

Proposal 4: A proposal for a five Unitary structure

Whilst there is not consensus on a single preferred model for Greater Essex, Leaders, Chief Executives and 151s have continued to meet regularly throughout the process, sharing and collaborating on data, evidence and stakeholder engagement which has facilitated the development of each of the enclosed proposals.

Regardless of the final decision, all partners are committed to continuing to work together in the next phase to ensure that whichever model is selected is delivered in the best possible way for our residents, businesses, staff and the Mayor (once elected). To support us in doing this, we collectively request that you provide us with a timely decision regarding treatment of Thurrock's debt.

We would welcome the opportunity to receive feedback and finalise next steps in the process with you and your team at the earliest convenience.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely



Cllr Gavin Callaghan  
Leader  
Basildon Borough Council



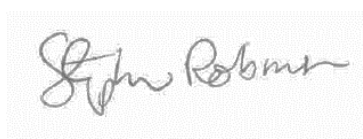
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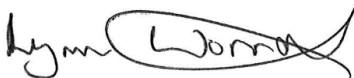
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