

# Local Government Reorganisation Toolkit



**For District Councillors stepping into your next chapter of local leadership.**

This is for you, the District Councillor about to undertake something much larger of navigating the uncertainty of reorganisation now, and who wants to lead effectively through it.

## **What the Cooperative Difference looks like?**

The Cooperative Councils model is not a political label. It's a way of working that places community power at the heart of decision making and service development.

### **1. Lead with people, not over them**

Participatory budgeting, neighbourhood partnerships and co-produced services are no longer experiments.

### **2. Strengthen your role as a community advocate**

Remaining visible, accessible and rooted in the communities on a broader scale.

### **3. Pass down power as it comes to you**

Devolution can enable powers and resources to flow to town and parish councils, neighbourhood forums and civic society

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# About us

The Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network



## A collaboration between local authorities... Join Us!

The Cooperative Councils' Innovation Network is a collaboration between local authorities who are committed to finding better ways of working for, and with, local people for the benefit of their local community.

**Action-focused:** a vehicle for helping councils translate co-operative policy and principles into practice existing documentation and Policy Project delivery.

**Membership-based:** funded by modest membership subscriptions from its member councils

**Open to all UK councils:** members share the belief that working co-operatively with communities holds the key to tackling today's challenges

**Part of the local government family:** the network is a Special Interest Group registered with the Local Government Association where we work to promote innovation in local government



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