

Local government reorganisation: decision letter to Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock council leaders

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Letter to Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock council leaders with the Secretary of State's decision on local government reorganisation.

On 25 March 2026, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, wrote to the leaders of Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock councils to inform them of his decision to implement the proposal for 5 unitary councils to be established in Essex, Southend-on-Sea and Thurrock.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-government-reorganisation-decision-letter-to-essex-southend-on-sea-and-thurrock-council-leaders>