

SOUTH EAST AVON REGIONAL TRANSITION GROUP

POTENTIAL AMALGAMATION PROPOSAL FACT SHEET

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Who is involved in the Amalgamation Business Case Process?	<p>The Shires of Beverley, Cunderdin, Quairading, Tammin and York have formed the South East Avon Regional Transition Group (SEARTG) to prepare a business case that will examine the potential benefits of amalgamating.</p>
What is involved in the RTG Business Case Process?	<p>The Business Case will consider the Current and Future State of local government in the SEARTG.</p> <p>The Current State involves examining all of the operations of the 5 local governments to provide a snapshot of the current way each Shire does its business.</p> <p>The Future State will examine a new service delivery model and structure for the proposed new local government. The Future State will then be assessed in terms of potential benefits in improvement in services and whether there are any potential savings or additional costs in the proposed new service delivery model and structure.</p>
Why is amalgamation being looked at?	<p>It is believed that there are a number of potential benefits that may result from amalgamation. Such benefits may include improved service delivery across the region, more flexibility in adapting services to meet changing customer needs, greater capacity as a single local government to deliver larger infrastructure projects, and potential reduction of duplication in services and facilities.</p>
What will happen if the local governments support amalgamation?	<p>The completed business case will provide a recommendation on whether there are enough potential benefits to proceed with amalgamation. The completed report will be referred to the 5 SEARTG member local governments to consider the recommendation.</p> <p>If the recommendation is supported by the 5 SEARTG member local governments, the business case along with the supporting resolutions of the 5 local governments will be referred to the Local Government Advisory Board for review and to make a recommendation to the Minister.</p> <p>The Minister will then consider the recommendation from the Local Government Advisory Board and make a decision on whether the amalgamation should proceed.</p>
Where will I access services if amalgamation occurs?	<p>The proposed amalgamation model is based on a Place Management approach with local area service centres being retained in each main town. The Shire administration centre and customer services will be maintained under the Place Management model.</p>
Where will staff work if amalgamation occurs?	<p>One of the key principles that has been agreed to by the 5 SEARTG member local governments is minimal displacement of the existing workforce. The future structure of the organisation is currently being determined, but will take into account retaining staff in their current locations, wherever possible.</p>
When will amalgamation occur?	<p>If supported, amalgamation could occur as early as 1 July 2013.</p>