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**One Somerset, Local Government Reform (LGR) in Somerset - Update**j

Although the Council’s focus very much remains on supporting our residents, communities, businesses and partners through this coronavirus pandemic, I wanted to update you on the programme since Council approved the business case and it was submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and local Government at the end of July.

On Friday October 9, the attached letter and invite from the Secretary of State to the Leader of the Council was received.

The same letter went to all Somerset council leaders, including the two northern unitary councils. The timeline for submission of proposals is confirmed as November 9 for interim proposals and December 9 for final proposals.

We are currently assessing the updates we will make to our approved business case to meet the timing above within the decision approved by Council allowing minor amendments.

For more information, visit the One Somerset website at onesomerset.org.uk which is4 regularly updated.

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