**Consultation Questions**

The Government consultation is seeking views on the Cumbria, North Yorkshire and Somerset councils’ proposal and in particular on the following questions in relation to each proposal:

1. Is the councils’ proposal likely to improve local government and service delivery across each area? Specifically, is it likely to improve council services, give greater value for money, generate savings, provide stronger strategic and local leadership, and create more sustainable structures?
2. Where it is proposed that services will be delivered on a different geographic footprint to currently, or through some form of joint arrangements is this likely to improve those services? Such services may for example be children’s services, waste collection and disposal, adult health and social care, planning, and transport.
3. Is the councils’ proposal also likely to impact local public services delivered by others, such as police, fire and rescue, and health services?
4. Do you support the proposal from the councils?
5. Do the unitary councils proposed by the councils represent a credible geography?
6. Do you have any other comments with regards to the proposed reorganisation of local government in each area?