

Arun District Association of Local Councils

12 May 2026

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Update

Our vision: A better future

2022 - 2026

Council Vision

As your district council our role is to make Arun a better place to live, work and visit as well as delivering public services. This sets out how we plan to achieve this.

Our Vision is divided into five key themes covering wellbeing, housing, the environment, the economy and our core foundations, each of which is underpinned by several aims and statements.

Food waste caddies and bins are on their way!



 West Sussex recycles



Arun District Council has started weekly food waste collections for all households, as part of national Simpler Recycling reforms. The new service started 13 April 2026, following government requirements for all councils in England to provide a separate weekly food waste service.

Launching our new five-year Biodiversity Action Plan



Arun District Council has launched its new [Biodiversity Action Plan \(BAP\)](#), setting out a five-year programme to protect, restore, and enhance nature across the district.



Four-year UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme delivers district-wide improvements



Between 2022-2026, the district benefitted from a total investment of £1,437,830, enabling a wide range of projects to strengthen communities, support local businesses, improve public spaces and enhance town centres.

Delivered by the council, the fund covered a range of partners including town and parish councils, business and regeneration organisations and local groups

Grants now available for independent businesses



A new package of business support measures was approved by Full Council on 25 Feb 26. Match-funded grants of up to £2,500 and free one-to-one advice will help new and existing independent businesses invest confidently in equipment, premises and improvements that support long-term stability.

Pride in Place has a new chair for its Neighbourhood Board



Pride in Place is a government investment programme that backs areas where additional funding can make a meaningful difference to local people. The £20million award will fund locally led initiatives that will improve the lives of everyone who lives, works, studies, or visits Wick and Toddington.

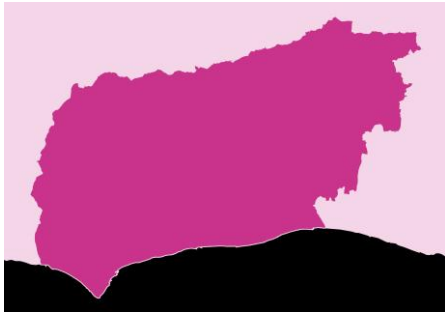


Sussex By The Sea

Options put forward to the Government by West Sussex

OPTION A – single county Unitary

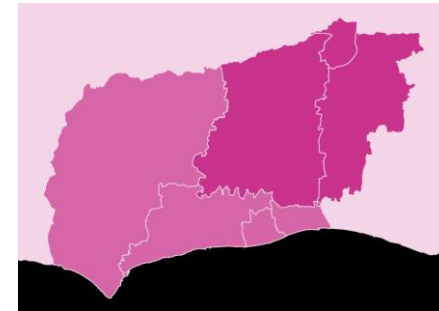
Supported by West Sussex County Council



County council and all seven district and borough councils together.

OPTION B2 – two unitaries

Supported by all seven West Sussex District and Borough Councils



Two unitary councils split broadly on south west / north east lines and building on existing District and Borough boundaries.

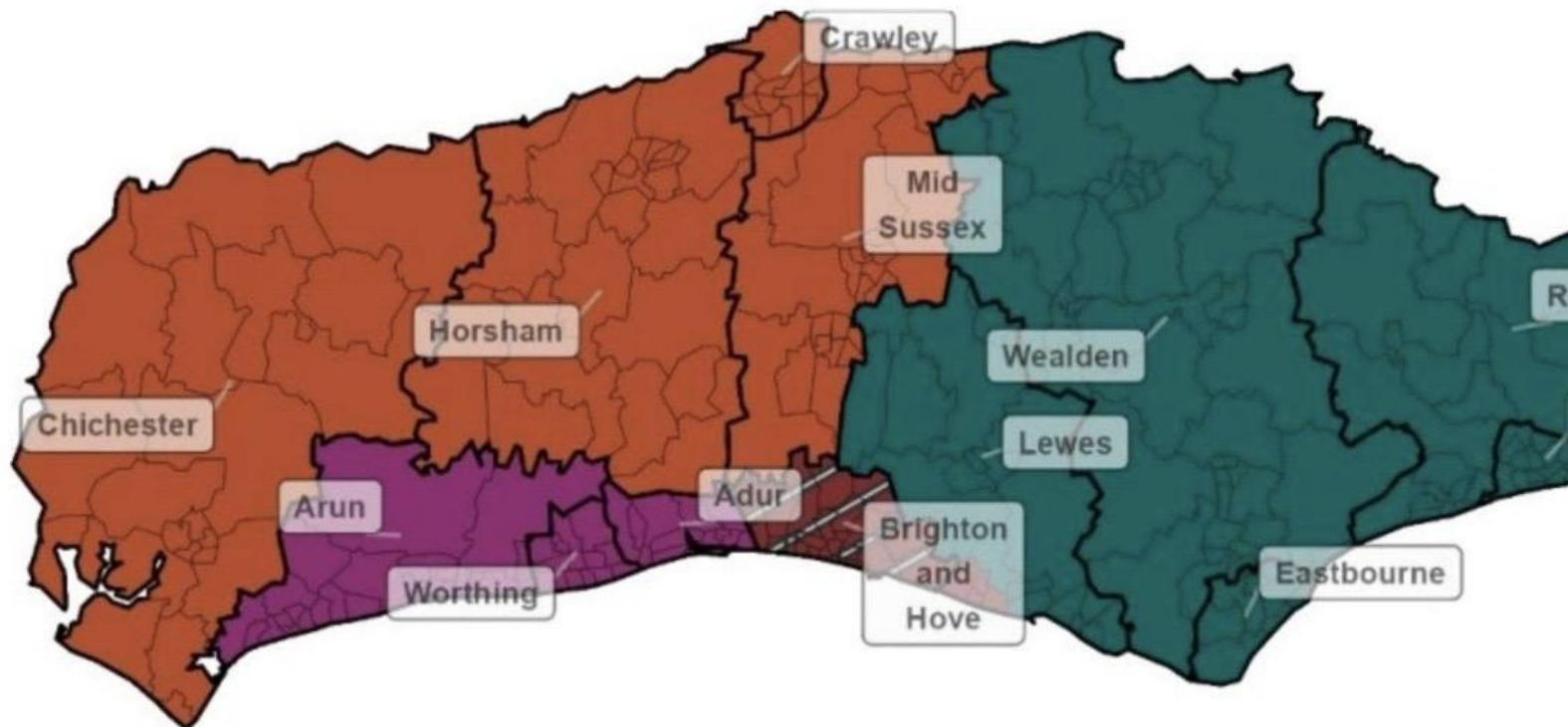
South west:

- Adur
- Arun
- Chichester
- Worthing

North east:

- Crawley
- Horsham
- Mid Sussex

Government modification



Timetable

- **7 May 2026** - Local elections
 - **After the elections** - Government conducting short 'technical consultation' on new proposals, approx. 4 weeks from around 12 June
 - **Summer 2026** – Government decision expected
 - **May 2027** – elections to the new unitary councils – shadow authorities
 - **May 2028** – Vesting Day new councils formally up and running
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Glossary

Safe and Legal – at day one what needs to be in place to comply with statutory requirements, regulations and governance standards. Ensure critical services are not disrupted.

Structural Change Order (SCO) – issued by the government setting out the scope, timeline and legal framework for the transition.

Joint Committee (JC) – once the decision is made, a JC of Leaders will be established to oversee the transition until the Shadow Authority elections. It acts as a governance body before the new council(s) are operational.

Shadow Authority – elected councillors and decision makers for the new council(s). This runs in parallel for 11 months with the existing councils preparing until Vesting Day.

Vesting Day – the official day when the new council(s) take over. All responsibilities, staff, and assets transfer.

TUPE – stands for Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment). Jobs, terms and conditions and length of service transfers to the new council(s).



Q&A
