



## **Reform UK – High-Level Local Government Policy**

### **County and District Councils – For Honest, Efficient, People-First Local Government**

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#### **1. Delivering Value for Local Taxpayers**

##### **Freeze or Cut Council Tax:**

Reform UK believes in putting money back in people's pockets. We will push for council tax freezes or targeted cuts by reducing bureaucracy and waste.

##### **Transparent Spending:**

We will demand full online transparency of all council spending over £500 and publish senior staff salaries and expenses monthly.

##### **Audit and Accountability:**

Conduct independent efficiency audits of council services. Identify areas for cost savings and redirect funds to frontline services.

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#### **2. Focus on Core Services First**

##### **County Councils (Upper Tier):**

- **Fix the Roads Properly:** End the pothole patch-up culture. Prioritise long-term resurfacing contracts with penalties for poor performance.
- **Improve Social Care:** Cut red tape and invest in frontline carers, not administrators. Promote partnerships with local charities and care co-operatives.
- **Better Education Oversight:** Support school choice, back academies, and demand higher standards from local education providers.

##### **District Councils (Lower Tier):**

- **Rubbish Collection That Works:** Guarantee weekly bin collections and improve recycling processes.
  - **Affordable Local Housing:** Prioritise brownfield development. Fast-track planning for truly affordable, local-first housing.
  - **Stronger Environmental Enforcement:** Tackle fly-tipping and rogue landlords. Back local officers to act fast.
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