

Appendix 1.

How to complete the Consultation

For each question, you can provide the following answer:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- don't know

You will also be invited to explain your answers to questions 1 to 7 using a free text box at question 8. If a question on boundary change is included at question 9, like the City of Lincoln proposal, you will be invited to explain your answer in a free text box at question 10.

Consultation questions

Question 1

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal suggests councils that are based on sensible geographies and economic areas?

Question 2

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will be able to deliver the outcomes they describe in the proposal?

Question 3

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils are the right size to be efficient, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks?

Question 4

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposed councils will deliver high quality, sustainable public services?

Question 5

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal has been informed by local views and will meet local needs?

Question 6

To what extent do you agree or disagree that establishing the councils in this proposal will support devolution arrangements?

Question 7

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal enables stronger community engagement and gives the opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment?

Question 8

If you would like to, please use the free text box to explain the answers you have provided to questions 1-7 referring to the question numbers as part of your answer. You may also use the box to provide any other comments you have on the proposal.

Where a proposal includes a request that the Secretary of State modifies a proposal to achieve boundary change, or the proposal affects wider public services, such as fire and rescue authorities, you will be asked an additional question:

Question 9

This is a proposal that is accompanied by a request that the Secretary of State considers boundary change or that affects wider public services. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the proposal sets out a strong public services and financial sustainability justification for boundary change?

Question 10

If you would like to, please use this free text box to explain your answer to question 9.