

Level

Tier

Scope

Service

District, County, Unitary

All

**BCP**  
Council

## Council Merger

Characteristic(s) / CSF(s):  
Managing expenditure



### Problem and Approach

- Dorset councils, the county and districts as well as the 2 councils developed a working partnership to consider the future of local government in the area.
- The objective was to create a reduced cost of local government with an increased impact.

### Outcomes

- Two new unitary councils have been created, Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) as one unitary and the remaining districts and the county as the Dorset unitary council.
- In the case of BCP there is the idea that a single urban area with economic power is recognised and managed as such.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-47748935>