



Mr Kerry Rickards
Chief Executive
Sedgemoor District Council
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15th June 2007

Dear Mr Rickards,

POLL ON THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS IN SOMERSET

The report of voting in the above ballot, which closed at Noon on Friday 15th June 2007, is as follows:

Question:

Do you support the County Council's proposals?

Mendip District Council

Number of eligible voters	82,112
Number of ballot papers returned	39,147
Overall rate of participation	47.7%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	206
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	15
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	38,926

Result

Number voting YES	7,853	(20.2% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	31,073	(79.8% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	38,926	(100% of the valid vote)





Sedgemoor District Council

Number of eligible voters	86,514
Number of ballot papers returned	43,488
Overall rate of participation	50.3%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	222
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	14
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	43,252

Result

Number voting YES	6,840	(15.8% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	36,412	(84.2% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	43,252	(100% of the valid vote)

South Somerset District Council

Number of eligible voters	125,331
Number of ballot papers returned	57,906
Overall rate of participation	46.2%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	294
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	29
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	57,583

Result

Number voting YES	9,955	(17.3% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	47,628	(82.7% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	57,583	(100% of the valid vote)





Taunton Deane Borough Council

Number of eligible voters	81,858
Number of ballot papers returned	39,030
Overall rate of participation	47.7%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	155
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	12
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	38,863

Result

Number voting YES	7,155	(18.4% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	31,708	(81.6% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	38,863	(100% of the valid vote)

West Somerset District Council

Number of eligible voters	27,949
Number of ballot papers returned	15,068
Overall rate of participation	53.9%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	85
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	2
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	14,981

Result

Number voting YES	3,048	(20.3% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	11,933	(79.7% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	14,981	(100% of the valid vote)





Overall Total

Number of eligible voters	403,764
Number of ballot papers returned	194,639
Overall rate of participation	48.2%
Total number of invalid ballot papers:	
<i>Due to being blank</i>	962
<i>Due to being spoilt</i>	72
Therefore, total number of valid votes counted	193,605

Result

Number voting YES	34,851	(18% of the valid vote)
Number voting NO	<u>158,754</u>	(82% of the valid vote)
TOTAL	<u>193,605</u>	(100% of the valid vote)

Ballot papers will be stored securely for six months before being destroyed.

Yours sincerely,

Max Farrell
Project Manager

