

# Community Governance Review Consultation Responses – Stage One

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## Responses from residents of Hinckley

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A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Excellent Services
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Excellent parks and other services
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	With local government reorganisation Hinckley will need to have its services delivered at a more local level by a town council
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	<b><i>Relevant extracts taken from response SUR737646332</i></b> “The existing governance framework in Hinckley and Bosworth fails to capture and champion the distinct identities, priorities, and interests of its urban and rural communities. While the town centre’s concerns often dominate council agendas, the needs of outlying villages and hamlets frequently is overlooked” “...urban areas enjoy tighter boundaries and more councillors per head of population [...] Funding for infrastructure, public transport, and digital

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			connectivity is concentrated on Hinckley town, leaving many rural parishes with substandard [services]"
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	<b>Relevant extracts taken from response SUR737646332</b> "The current tiered system of decision-making in Hinckley and Bosworth frequently fails to deliver an effective and convenient local government. Residents face delays navigating multiple bodies - from parish to borough to county councils where when seeking effective communication to resolve issues, whether fixing potholes at one end to school placements and planning advice at the other with many other factors that could be easily listed. This complexity erodes public trust, stifles community engagement, and prevents timely, locally-tailored solutions."
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	<b>Relevant extracts taken from response SUR737646332</b> "Hinckley & Bosworth's population rose by 8.1% between the 2011 and 2021 censuses, reaching approximately 106,300 residents. This growth has intensified demand for local services and highlighted the absence of a town or parish council in the unparished area of Hinckley, leaving nearly a third of borough inhabitants without the most local tier of representation." "Establishing a town council for Hinckley's unparished area would bring decision-making to street level. Powers could include allotment management, open space maintenance, public events and neighbourhood planning. Funding through a modest precept ensures direct reinvestment in localised specific services."
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Unsure / don't know	Unsure really.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Unsure / don't know	Unsure really
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Local government needs to be reorganised that's a fact. Years of mismanagement and budget cuts have led us to this However by potentially creating a new "town council" this could be better than a single unitary or being part of a three council split for Leicestershire. BIG question though will be along the lines of how much extra would we the residents of Hinckley and Bosworth pay for this new council and it's included services on top of our council tax? It's got to be justified or in my eyes what's the point and we may as well just be part of a bigger unitary and be forgotten about (which lets face

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			it, as a bigger concern places like Hinckley and it's surroundings will be push to oneside). I could be wrong but that's my take on this
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I feel Hinckley council knows it's community well.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Things need to change However opting for a new parish/town council would be most welcome.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	A new parish/town council in my opinion would strengthen its existing community reach and help keep Hinckley's identity "Local". I would welcome the change as it works extremely well for the likes of Barwell, Earl Shilton and Burbage so why not Hinckley? It's got to be better than becoming a bigger unitary where I feel Hinckley would be lost and not represented by "Local" councilors instead by councilors from other districts which don't know our needs and live in Hinckley. Keeping the local in local government is key and by setting up a new parish/town council would be the answer and I'd be willing to pay for the precept. We have nice well maintained parks and open spaces, we are represented well and we the people of Hinckley don't want to loose that sense of identity and proudness of living in such a nice town. Let's go for a new parish/town council and build a better diverse community that we all can be proud of together.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council is an excellent council representing, helping and standing up for all local communities within the town. It provides services above and beyond what they are required to do to enable a clean, safe, pleasant environment where everyone can gain the assistance they require.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Residents are strongly represented by local Councillors within HBBC and the council responsibly converts requests to action if needed and necessary. The council is run efficiently and conveniently being on hand for all when needed
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	The only way to maintain the excellent service for Hinckley that HBBC provides following its disappearance after April 2028 is to create a Hinckley Town Council. This will enable the excellent representation and assistance to local people to be maintained, which will not happen when a Unitary Authority covering a much larger area is created. Wherever that is based I fear Hinckley will be unrepresented and forgotten without local community governance. Locally we would not have a say on the funding of facilities, or

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			any influence in desired or undesired planning applications. We would not have any influence in parks, countryside, cemeteries or car parks which are essential for the recreation and economic needs of the town. As it is we see outside influence in Government decisions on planning and infrastructure made from London or Bristol, with no knowledge of Hinckley. The creation of a Town Council be a voice for Hinckley. It will ensure the maintenance of our area locally, for local people and businesses who will gain a prosperous future.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	We are represented by councillors who are local to the area and know their patch.
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The councillors are approachable and willing to help and the services are generally of a good standard.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	No change	A change to governance usually means people are doing more with less. It isn't broken as it is so there's no need to mess around with it
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	There is always so much for families to be involved with and support local businesses
	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Some buildings that are no longer fit for purpose should be sorted to make the town look better. Be in conjunction with owners of buildings and work together to open more places/ lower rent
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change.</b>	No change	Focus on making Hinckley a better place
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The local councillors give scant consideration of Hinckley. 7 minutes in the last year or so
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	I don't believe the Lib Dems provide a good service to is

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Provide a dedicated focus on Hinckley that other areas get.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	They understand the area
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	It works well
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	As above
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Loss of local concern as well as identity
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Given the amount of new build housing that is making driving through Hinckley worse than ever, regardless of government mandate, you have killed this town. Let's not get in to the M69 service station approval!
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	I like a new council and for Stuart Bray to focus less of keeping an old Hospital frontage. We have to move with the times! History will always be there!
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Outlying villages fo not get the same attention as Hinckley, but we pay high council tax.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Im not sure any changes would make a difference
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	The current setup ignores our needs and requirements

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A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	It doesnt make a difference if its Hinckley or Leicestershire. Having representation from each suburb/village cam still be appointed.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Effective- no evidence. Convenient- not needed.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	A restrucure and cost cutting duplication, sounds like a good ides.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Decisions appear politically biased and not made on merit and totally for the benefit of the tax paying residents, bringing about an increasing feeling of unrepresentation and a town that doesn't have the best 'offer' for the developing demographic catchment area.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	There appears to be little ownership or responsibility for decisions taken, with 'central government' often being cited as the reason for s decision being made the way it has!
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Unsure/don't know	Good governance should remain close to the community it represents, but it should also be effective and efficient. Often, if there are too many layers of governance, e.g., district, borough, town and village councils, duplication can occur and decisions delayed, in addition to which there is a negative impact on the costs of such an administration, I.e., an increase in costs with no discernible benefit.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Borough Council is based in Hinckley
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	I can walk to council offices. That won't be the case with a unitary council
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Creation of a unitary council will move control of typical parish council services away from Hinckley
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley...	Neither agree nor disagree	Pros and cons

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	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Disagree	Too much money wSted not enough focus on rural areas
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Parish council as is, no borough council, more localized autonomy focussed on specific issues, lcc to take responsibility for overarching larger issues, roads, education, transport, refuse collection etc. Middle layer unnecessary and costly
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Disagree	Too many people in same position within the council: e,g managerial positions
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	Same reason as above
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Cut unnecessary staff save money for more services and be more efficient in work ethos
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	Do not want to be come under Leicester
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	To keep our boundaries
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	There is no need to change to Angela Raynors stupid ideas
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	HBBC thinks about its residents and tries to do what is best for the local community and works closely with the Parish Council in my area
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	HBBC ensures that local issues are dealt with as swiftly and proactively as possible

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Hinckley is a big enough area to ensure that local needs are met without being overwhelmed by differing needs of differing communities
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Unsure/don't know	n/a
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Unsure/don't know	n/a
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	n/a
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The borough council puts on events that celebrate the town and are for the benefit of residents.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	They provide services locally and are in touch with the people they serve.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	The current system works perfectly well. By centralising power in the county we will have less accountability and less attention to local needs. Why not abolish the county council and have the boroughs take full responsibility for their areas
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Local parish /town government supports local communities better than centralised Leicester city who don't understand the needs of Hinckley.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	The way HBBC works now, works well for the town. The areas that Leicestershire council are responsible for are poorly managed and maintained.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	I don't think anything needs to change.



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A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	The council does a good job of supporting and reflecting the local area and reflecting our interests. We are a very large town bordered by increasingly large villages. Burbage has tens of thousands of residents.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Having a council for Hinckley and the neighbouring villages ensures that local people are making decisions on how local services should be run.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	There is no need to change the governance of a well organised, representative and elected council. It is wasteful financially in both the short and long term. The new suggested council will not to resent local people to the degree that the current council system does. This will become bureaucratic and alienating.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	County council in Leicester focus only on Leicester City. They don't care about these small towns. Hinckley have a 700 years of history. It should get a separate council.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	They do a good work at least trying to
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	New town council
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	It looks afyer peolpe who live here
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	It works
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	If it ain't broke don't fix it
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	We live in a Lib Dem area and are proud to do so. The Lib Dem Borough Council has always served us well, regardless of national turmoil and uncertainty. Theyrepresent our area so much better than our MP and other options.

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			Changing the system would mean we could lose our representation at all levels
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Their hands can be tied by national government but they know the area and residents and are as effective and convenient as they are allowed to be.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	What we have works better than most other areas.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	DON'T WANT TO BE JOINED UP TO LIEICESTER
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Hinckley Council might not be perfect but you can get to the office, and County Hall loves to spend money on wasted projects, any thing but the infrastructure i.e roads
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	The people will never benefit from these changes just someone getting a higher position +higher wage for what going backwards in the service. No Thanks
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	When have you ever carried out effective consultation?
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	All you ever is object to any proposed changes
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Close HSBC and have a county wide council.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	I feel that hinckley and Bosworth need a council that reflects local interests and knows the needs of their residents
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Access to local council in your local area is essential and for them to know what that area needs because they reflect it.

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Generally i feel that council and parish councils work together to reflect the interests and their communities.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	But, Road and Housing are particularly out of control with no local plan for these or local input being valued
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	At least there is a hub in Hinckley for convenience of local people which must be retained but we don't need to be combined with any other towns in Leicestershire or Warwickshire
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Hinckley, while in Leicestershire, is blocked from the county by Leicester so needs local concernment rather than being governed from the county side of the city
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Need to streamline . Too many snouts in the trough. Want value for money and basic services done well
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Not effective . Town centre is dead boarded up shops etc council charge too much on rates that keep shops empty
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Streamline and save money . No need for multiple councils. We just want decent roads and the grass cut and bins emptied it's not hard
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I have seen positive results of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	I have seen positive results of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Unsure/don't know	Am not involved at that level of detail as a resident only.

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A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I agree
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	I agree
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	No changes please
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	The Hinckley special area meeting, wholly attended by Lib Dems met for 10 minutes in a year. This is politically motivated only and is a waste of money. Same as said by Councillor Mullaney about the county council roles that Reform split
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	The Hinckley special area meeting, wholly attended by Lib Dems met for 10 minutes in a year. This is politically motivated only and is a waste of money. Same as said by Councillor Mullaney about the county council roles that Reform split
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Inefficient additional cost is not required. Maybe the Lib Dem councillors should use the Hinckley meeting better
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The Lib Dem councillors appear just to be a layer of protection for the overpaid and underworked at the HUB and do not support the local community, in fact I have been banned from the hub for 4 years for being a Reform UK politician and Advocating professionally for people in Need.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Overpaid underworked and never help the public
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	I look forward to a single Authority and the removal of overpaid corrupt officials
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	I think it's done for political reasons and not for the people. They want to point score and disrupt anything good that is happening

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	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Whenever I get a paper from the local Libdems it's always about how much they've done but I don't see that around town. Look at the town and see how the crescent has not been as successful as it could have been. The cinema is hanging on, just!! Cheap shops, barbers, vapes and second hand shops. This town was built on an industry of hosiery. It's falling way behind.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	I think it needs fresh eyes and a wide variety of people with genuine interest in the area not political interest. Start working together. Someone tried to stop the new day centre at the last hour!! Why? Time was allocated to discuss. They don't realise how much it affects people. We want people with integrity and honesty. We want a pride in our town but not at the expense of someone's ego.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	We are some parts of the borough burdened with Parish Council yet Hinckley town is different. The multilayer system of county borough and parish seems inefficient particularly County controlling HBBC yet the people making decisions etc have no idea about local area.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Most members of public don't understand the different responsibilities of the different government layers
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	I would prefer simple process of having one councillor to involve to represent my views. I would rather have one office to contact to seek help rather than think is this Parish County or Borough responsibility
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Local councillors understand local issues and are readily accountable to the electorate
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Same comments as above
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Same reasons as above
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	It would benefit Hinckley and Bosworth because local matters would be more understood.

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	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	I don't understand how it works
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Our issues will be understood better.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	No one takes responsibility for problems.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	Councillors should live in the area they represent no just pass through at election time. They are out of touch with the people they allegedly represent
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	HBBC is unable to run a raffle! Areas of the town are treated differently dependant on which councillors live in the area. The only thing I know about me councillors is how much expenses they claim.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Because it does
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The people involved are local. Merging with other areas will almost certainly mean local residents losing out.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	See above. Plus a change will result in more remote councillors with no idea about the town
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The services we receive are adequate for our area
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	I feel the amount of parishes and councilors are respectable for our current demographics

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Internal change is certainly needed and to be streamlined for sure but a whole new setup? Waste of money, time and resources especially considering that central government hasn't even done its own homework into the costs.  https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.bbc.com/news/articles/cj9wxnlrxdo.amp Above is an interesting article to consider and shows that the labour government really doesn't know what it's doing.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	I feel that Hinckley would be swallowed up if put with other towns and turned into a larger area. Residents would lose out in every possible way. We would be governed by people who would be out of touch with the inhabitants of our town. Just when we have a council who actually care about our town after years of Tories its all change. I am horrified of what the future might hold.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Our present council have done more for our town than any other. One example: the Tories wanted to close hinckley hospital honestly with a town the size of ours and continually growing it was madness. We now have a diagnostic centre championed by the Lib Dems. despite the Tories taking the credit..
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Our council is managing not practically bankrupt like L.C.C
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The borough Council is small enough to address what's best for the Hinckley area
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	It's a bit of a narrow distinction from the previous question. You could've done better by just having one question.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Perhaps not need for change immediately, but if we get the south Leicestershire council to replace HBBC then having a town council makes sense
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I think being able to choose and vote for someone from the area and knows the issues is great and needs to be kept

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	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	Feels like there is conflict and delay between various things caused by the LLC looking after some things and HBBC others. I feel there would be less delays and 'red tape' if under one though hesitant to say it should be under LCC as feel like Hinckley has more in common with the surrounding areas of north Warwickshire than with the eastern areas of leicestershire and Rutland.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	I feel that with the governments request to reduce the tier system then the need to expand and create a council that is local and works is needed. I don't want to end up as part of Leicester City council
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Variety
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Best I've lived in
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	We need a town council when the unitary comes in to retain local events and reflect our community
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ... <b>reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Unsure/don't know	I have recently moved to Hinckley and our decision to move to Hinckley was based on the past performance of the council and history of positive impact.
	... <b>provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Unsure/don't know	I'm not really sure about how i can answer something that i have no knowledge of as i have recently moved in
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	A change would be required if there is evidence of governance issues or if there any challenges in providing services effectively. That said council should focus on developing or taking measures to sustain keeping in the mind the current demographic and how they can make the town attractive to young people whether its through employment or schools as Hinkley Town itself has huge potential and how it can also help neighbouring villages like Barwell and Earl Shilton also develop.
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley...	Strongly agree	Local knowledge.



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	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	Local issues sorted locally
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	The present system as worked fine for many years, and I so no need to change
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	Working fine
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	Works fine
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Town Council wanted
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	All ok as it is
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	as above everything is local, we and councillors know and respect this reasonably sized area
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	A town council would be good
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	everything is locally identified
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	as above everything is local, we and councillors know and respect this reasonably sized area
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	bigger area become impersonal and could be distanced

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A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	I believe that HBBC is providing all the required public services for the residents of Hinckley. However, I think there is a issue with the current frequency of buses/trains connecting Hinckley to Leicester, Coventry, Birmingham and Nottingham. Considering that Hinckley is a commuter town, the public transport links could definitely be improved so that both the young & elderly residents can benefit from more accessible travel.  Also, there are very less white collar professional job vacancies other than in the public sector advertised within Hinckley for recent graduates who have come back home from university. This means that many young talented graduates do not return back to Hinckley after completing higher education.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The current local goverance arrangements work well for Hinckley.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	No name/structural change to HBBC is required as they are already providing a good local government. I propose that everything is kept the same and to focus on improving the current services/facilities for the local community
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	Not listening to the basic wants of the locals. From keeping our town a town and not joining leicestershire council, to planning permissions, road works and even council rax spending
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	as above everything is local, we and councillors know and respect this reasonably sized area
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Prioritise locals and their rights to a tradiitonal enviornment
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	It works so why change it.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Hinckley council is effective and provides a good service.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Change internally is good and should start there first before LGR is considered. With Angela Rayner and Jim McMahon now dismissed not mentioning that LGR was NEVER in labours manifesto last year this whole thing needs to be looked at again instead of taking figures from a PWC 2020 report. No real savings will be made and may further any debts by forming

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			new councils! Central government needs to provide real evidence and answers instead of worming around the subject that is reorganisation/reforms. Enough said!
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Because our local councillors know what is going on in the Hinckley area.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Because they are local to Hinckley
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	It is fine as it is
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Hinckley has seen massive over development during recent years. The infrastructure was not designed for such over development, leading to congestion. The town centre has been allowed to deteriorate with the loss of services and banking and a proliferation of barbers, nail bars and tattoo parlours.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	The lack of a Local Plan has led to many of the problems listed above together with a poor road system.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Hinckley suffers from a dilution of local governance
A resident of Hinckley	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	We have a great coubcil, the area is looked after, fantastic green spaces and events
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	See above
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Why change what works

## Responses from Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillors

Respondent	Question	Response	Supporting comments
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	I believe we would benefit from a town council, especially if the borough council is abolished.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The borough council generally works well for Hinckley people. It is efficient, well run, and is supported by excellent officers and staff.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	A town council would bring back local accountability if the borough council is abolished.
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Runs smoothly. Reflects need of the community
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	The current dystem of governance is working.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Reflects local needs.
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	The question is totally unclear and badly worded. Hinckley area committee has no budget or power to do much as all decisions are made by the council. That's not to say that the council are doing a bad job...but in this uncertainty surrounding devolution then Hinckley cannot be left without a town council when they merge.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	See above

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	See above
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Lot more happening in town centre
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Local people
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Local representatives speaking for local people and businesses
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Disagree	Hinckley is the main area of the local council and as such should have its own town council.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Disagree	again being one of the main areas of the council it should control its own area
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Hinckley would hold their own purse strings and be in control of the area instead of other parish councils having to give money to subsidize it as it has always been in the past
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	The local identity of Hinckley is currently represented by having a Borough Council Based in the town on which a considerable number of the councillors represent Hinckley wards for adjacent wards. Under the government plans for larger Unitary Councils, this local link is likely to be lost.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly disagree	The governance of Hinckley is currently locally based by having a Borough Council Based in the town on which a considerable number of the councillors represent Hinckley wards for adjacent wards, with a Hinckley Area Committee overseeing specific Hinckley matters. Under the government plans for larger Unitary Councils, this local government cannot be guaranteed without A town council.

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	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Reasons outlined above.
A Hinckley and Bosworth Borough councillor	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Residents are always encouraged to have a say
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	These current arrangements can make the changes required
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	We don't have a Hinckley town council . This will be necessary if the other governance changes happen

**Responses on behalf of parish or town councils**

Respondent	Question	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a parish or town council	No responses received		

## Responses on behalf of a local business

Respondent	Question	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a local business	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Unsure/don't know	We're a new business in this area.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Unsure/don't know	We're a new business in this area.
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Unsure/don't know	We're a new business in this area.
On behalf of a local business	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Hinckley is a rarity in that it's a town with a real community spirit driven by all the things that HBBC organise
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Things work well in our town. I'm and a proud resident as well as working in the town
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	I think we have the balance right currently. I don't see how this could be improved
On behalf of a local business	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly disagree	<b>Relevant extracts taken from full response SUR747438087</b> In our lived experience, the governance arrangements within Hinckley do not adequately reflect local identities or interests. Instead of fostering a sense of community, transparency, and shared decision-making, the current structures often feel disconnected from the people and businesses they are meant to serve. Our concerns include: Lack of meaningful engagement: [...] Business impact not considered: [...] Disconnection from local identity: [...] Reactive rather than proactive culture: [...] For governance to truly reflect local identities and interests, it should prioritise openness, accountability, and active listening, ensuring that



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			decisions are grounded in the lived realities of the community rather than distant or detached policy frameworks.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly disagree	<p><b>Relevant extracts taken from full response SUR747438087</b></p> <p>In our lived experience, the governance arrangements within Hinckley are neither effective nor convenient. [...]</p> <p>Our concerns include:</p> <p>Ineffective communication: [..]</p> <p>Bureaucratic delays that harm business: [..]</p> <p>Perceived uneven treatment: [..]</p> <p>Inconvenience in resolving issues: [..]</p> <p>Lack of accountability: [..]</p> <p>A truly effective and convenient local government would demonstrate transparency, fairness, and consistency, while working with residents and businesses to resolve issues promptly.</p> <p>Unfortunately, our lived experience with HBBC has been the opposite</p>
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Unsure/don't know	<p><b>Relevant extracts taken from full response SUR747438087</b></p> <p>"We are somewhat unsure whether a change in governance is the right step, as our experiences with Hinckley &amp; Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) have been very mixed over time.</p> <p>[...] We have often found that the governance arrangements no longer reflect the identities and interests of the local community, nor do they operate in a way that is effective or convenient.</p> <p>Poor communication and lack of responsiveness [...] Limited support for local business and culture: [...] Decisions frequently appear detached from the realities of those living and working in the area.</p> <p>Inconsistency with local identity: The governance approach has not celebrated or supported the distinctive culture, character, and enterprise within Hinckley. This leaves residents and businesses feeling undervalued and unheard.</p> <p>By contrast, our experience with Leicestershire County Council (LCC) has been the complete opposite. [...]</p> <p>This stark difference suggests that changes in governance arrangements could help ensure Hinckley's structures are more closely aligned with the community's identities and interests."</p>

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On behalf of a local business	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	With any control that councils have there will always be good and not so good. (I didn't say bad) Business and retail rely on footfall, those footfall visitors rely on good parking, do our council deliver that? Some will say yes some will say not quite.
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Like main govenment there is far too much spin, too much 'blame culture' also 'they did this so we can't do that'. Our council do exactly that instead of doing what is best for the town rather than their party
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Unsure/don't know	Is what we have broken? Or is it short of funds to offer everything that people ask for through surveys like this. This proposed change to our boundries is all about saving money. In order to 'fix' things to suit everyones 'we want this atitude' taxes have to rise. Simple.
On behalf of a local business	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Seems to work ok to me
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Works as it should
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	As previous, it works so no need for change

## Responses on behalf of a group, organisation or club

Respondent	Question	Response	Supporting comments
On behalf of a group, organisation or club	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The current Bough Council (both officers and elected members) has always been very supportive of the importance of the Museum within the town in fostering an interest and enthusiasm for the town's history and heritage
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	The Borough Council has a strong community service agenda and organisation which gives support to organisations and local parishes within the council's area of authority
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	The current governance at the Borough Council provides community governance. However if change is determined to be necessary it is imperative that a Town Council is established to adequately support the local inhabitants of Hinckley and further the community involvement of all local organisations.

## Other

Respondent	Question	Response	Supporting comments
"Interested Party"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	It works
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	Good local accountable arrangements with the public at the heart of decisions
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	See above
"I live in Barwell. It matters to me"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Strongly agree	Although not technically on the doorstep, still close enough when relevant
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Not everything is perfect, but it works for local people. We would get lost in county government
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	It works for local people
"HBBC/Groby Resident"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	Groby PC is reflective of community and provides effective services
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Good to have a local parish office
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	I would consider change if it was necessary and clear reasons and options were given. As i see it, fine as is, don't waste money

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"Resident of Hinckley & Bosworth"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The council is well run and offers value for the council tax
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Agree	Its necessary for local councils to over see decisions for residents and business. Too much central involvement with little local knowledge
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	There seems to be a power grab
"Lives nearby"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Agree	The local borough works well
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Strongly agree	The borough is the expert in local knowledge
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	Local knowledge is key
"Employee of HBBC"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... <b>...reflect local identities and interests?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Dont understand the question
	<b>...provide an effective and convenient local government?</b>	Neither agree nor disagree	Dont understand the question
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Hinckley needs a town council if we lose the borough coucil to keep hinckley the place people love for its parks events etc
"Resident of Burbage"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley...	Disagree	Lots of empty shops which could be filled with smaller businesses - even a hub of smaller business sharing the space

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	...reflect local identities and interests?		
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	Council services such as bins are good
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	No change	It's fine as is
"Resident of Hinckley & Bosworth, visitor to Hinckley for shopping, leisure, entertainment and a number of services"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Agree	The Borough Council serves Hinckley well. The Council and its partners (e.g. Hinckley Bid) have found a niche for the Town and do a tremendous job enhancing its offer and facilities.
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Agree	I live in a village in Hinckley & Bosworth and it will always be that Hinckley hosts services, employment, education, facilities, retail and entertainment that provides for the hinterland not just the Town itself
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Local Government Reorganisation into larger unitary authorities is less likely to reflect the identities and niches of the towns and the hinterlands of those towns in their areas. In my experience, large unitary authorities and county councils tend to provide a one size fits all approach. If change is to happen, Hinckley will need a Town Council to represent its citizens, support the BID, and continue to provide the cultural, entertainment and lesiure opportunities which support the town's success.
"Resident"	How strongly do you agree or disagree that the current governance arrangements within Hinckley... ...reflect local identities and interests?	Strongly agree	Best
	...provide an effective and convenient local government?	Strongly agree	Best
	Specifically thinking about Hinckley, please indicate whether you feel there is <b>need for a change</b> .	Change	Best