
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2018 No. 649

**The Somerset West and Taunton (Local
Government Changes) Order 2018**

PART 5

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21.—(1) The District Councils must—

- (a) take, whether alone or together, such steps as may be necessary to prepare for the transfer to Somerset West and Taunton Council of the District Councils' functions, property, rights and liabilities relating to Somerset West and Taunton or its inhabitants;
- (b) consult and co-operate with one another in order to secure the economic, effective, efficient and timely transfer of those functions, property, rights and liabilities; and
- (c) generally, exercise their functions so as to further the purposes of this Order.

(2) Each of the District Councils must—

- (a) co-operate in the formation of the Central Implementation Team appointed under article 19, and release the officers concerned from their normal duties at such times or for such periods as the shadow executive may reasonably require; and
- (b) provide such information relating to its functions as the other council may reasonably request for the purpose of giving effect to this Order.

(3) Any person authorised in that behalf by the council making the request is entitled, at all reasonable times, on producing evidence of the authority given by that council (if so required by the council from which the information is sought)—

- (a) to inspect any record belonging to or under the control of the council providing the information and relating to the council or its functions; and
- (b) to take, or be supplied with, a copy of any such record or part of it.

(4) The rights conferred by paragraph (3) include the right to require any record which is not in legible form to be made available in legible form so that the authorised person may inspect or copy it or be supplied with copies.