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Some people have been raising concerns about the performance of our local councils. One idea that has been suggested is re-structuring Norton Radstock Town Council.

This might mean having various separate Town Councils for Midsomer Norton, Radstock and Westfield. This would give each community its own grass roots authority. On the other hand, some people question whether the costs of establishing three new Councils would be a good use of public money - particularly at a time of global recession.

This isn't among the main issues raised at my twice-weekly surgeries and coffee mornings, but it's clearly something being talked about by some people. So I want to get views from a wider selection of residents to gauge more accurately what people living in the area might want to change about the way their local services are provided.

I would therefore be grateful if you would please take a few minutes to complete and return the short survey below. Thank you in advance for doing so.

Dan Norris MP

1 On a scale of one to ten, how important an issue for you is the way Norton Radstock Town Council operates? *(Please circle one)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not at all important *very important*

2 Similarly, how important an issue is the way Bath & North East Somerset Council operates?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not at all important *very important*

3 Marks out of ten, how effective do you think Norton Radstock Town Council is?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not very effective *very effective*

4 And how effective do you think Bath & North East Somerset Council is?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
not very effective *very effective*

5 How do you feel about the idea of creating entirely new Town Councils for Midsomer Norton, Radstock and Westfield? *(Please tick which closely matches your view)*

- A good idea which must be explored*
- Might be a good idea, depending how much it costs*
- Not a good idea and not worth pursuing*
- Don't know*

6 Thinking about the cost implications of any such restructuring, how much public money do you think it would be worth spending to create new separate Town Councils? *(Please tick one)*

- No public money should be spent on this*
- No more than £10,000*
- No more than £50,000*
- As much public money as it takes*

7 Marks out of ten, how would you describe the performance of your local B&NES councillors? ____

8 Marks out of ten, how would you describe Dan Norris's performance as your MP? _____

Please use this space to add any other comments:

Your name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Mobile: _____ Landline: _____ email: _____

Please fold and post the completed form to me as indicated overleaf (note: a stamp is required)

or email your views to **dan@dannorris.org.uk**

Thank you very much for your time.