

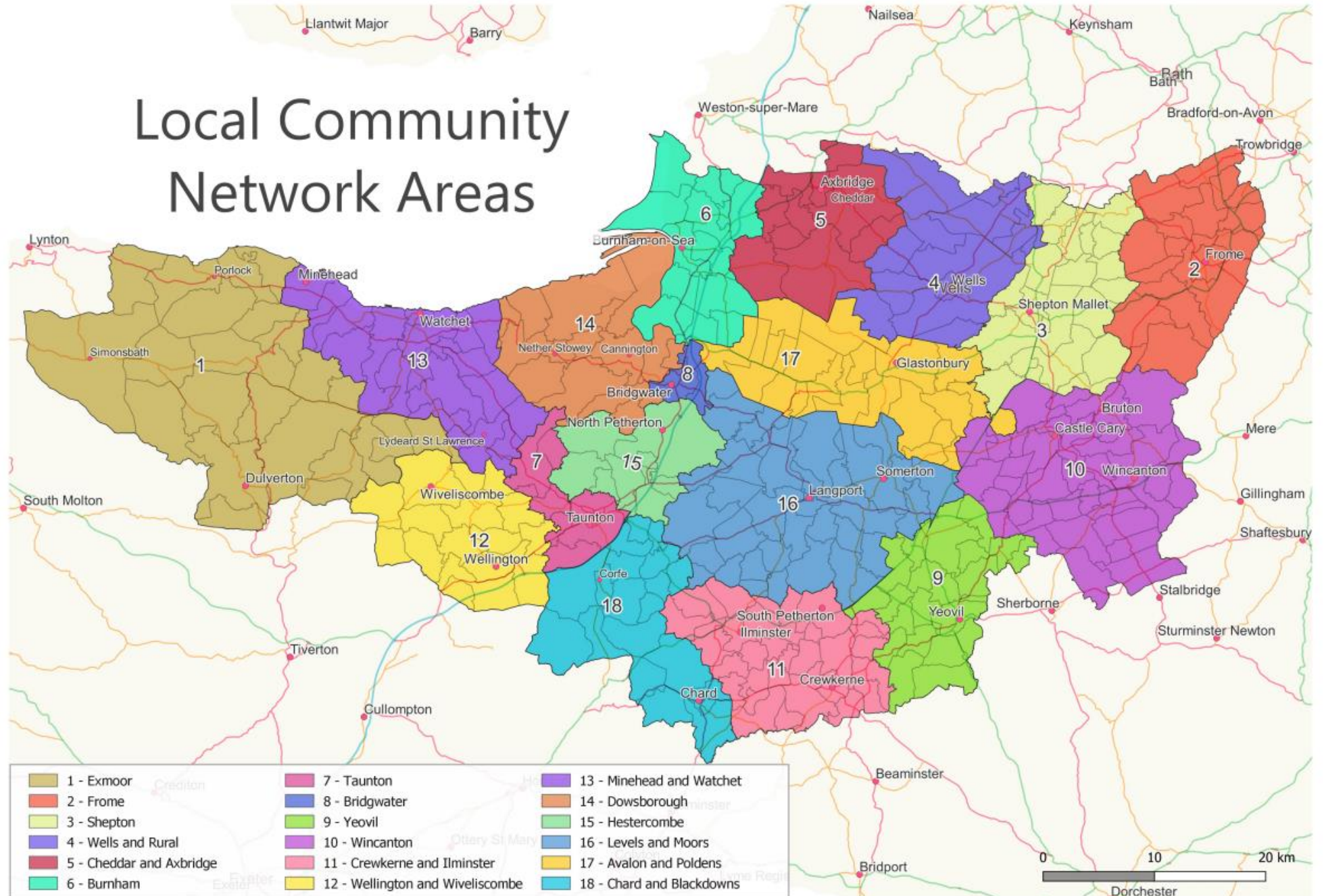


# Your Local Community Network

Exmoor Pilot to the new  
LCN area

# The 18 LCN areas ...

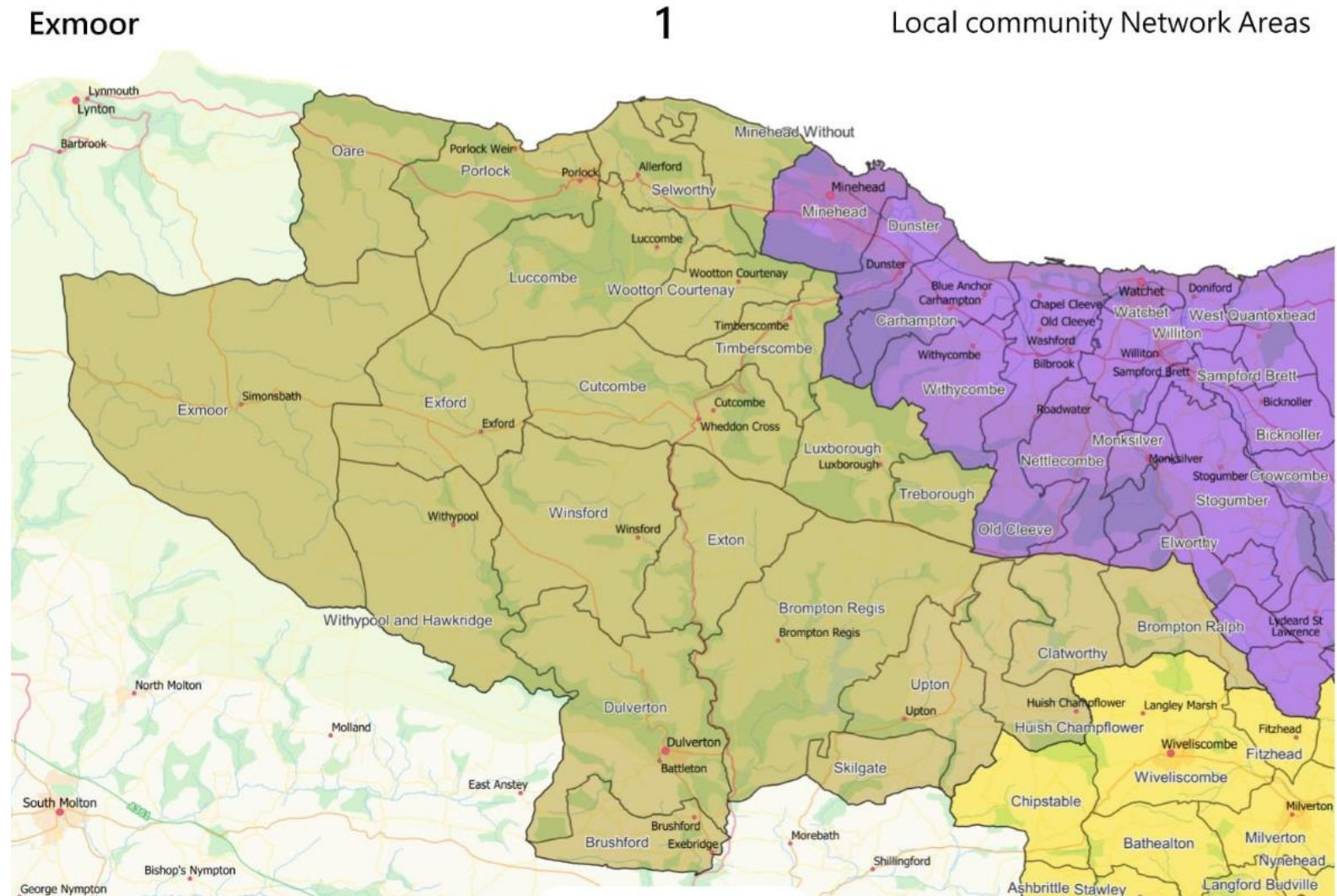
## Local Community Network Areas





# The Exmoor LCN Pilot area

- Population approx. 7922
- 23 Parish & Town councils
- 1 Electoral division
  - Dulverton and Exmoor
- Working and lead by Exmoor Area Panel – on the topic of *Highways Improvements*



**23 parishes**

Area 1 Parishes	
Brompton Ralph	Luxborough
Brompton Regis	Minehead Without
Brushford	Oare
Clatworthy CP	Porlock
Cutcombe	Selworthy
Dulverton	Skilgate
Exford	Timberscombe
Exmoor	Treborough
Exton	Upton
Huish Champflower	Winsford
Luccombe CP	Withypool and Hawkrige
	Wootton Courtenay

## The purpose of LCNs

To be the focus for the new Council for community engagement and development, within an ethos of local partnership working, looking to improve outcomes for residents through establishing strong connections between Somerset Council, our communities and our partners.

# What LCNs will do

## They will

- Be a forum for community voice, engagement and influence
- **Be a means for enhancing participation in democracy and local decision making**
- Enhance collaboration by bringing together at a local level, representatives from partner organisations, town, City and parish councils, community groups and residents
- **Identify evidence-based community priorities; across economic, social and environmental issues**
- Create plans to reflect how the priorities will be addressed
- **Identify and secure resource opportunities for local projects**

# Meeting of the Executive : Jan 2023

The following was agreed

- ✓ Purpose and initial roles for LCNs, and that there are opportunities for future development
- ✓ Proposed 18 LCN areas as a basis for moving forward for Vesting Day
- ✓ Decisions on any changes to the LCN areas resulting from discussions with stakeholders, to be delegated to the Lead Member for Local Government Reorganisation & Prosperity in consultation with the appropriate Divisional Members
- ✓ Draft model Terms of Reference for LCNs
- ✓ An earmarked reserve of £300k to establish LCNs and to support the completion of a community engagement and development spend review across the five councils, to identify existing funding to support LCNs on an ongoing basis

# Preparations for 1 April 2023 : Vesting Day

- LCNs purpose and initial roles and functions will be agreed and widely communicated
- LCN areas will be defined
- City, Town and Parish councils and local community groups will know which LCN they are in, and the other parishes within it
- There will be a defined staffing structure with agreed job descriptions and a timetable and approach for recruitment throughout the summer 2023
- **Initial 'link officers' identified for each LCN, who may be drawn from existing staffing / roles**
- The Pilot LCNs will have agreed infrastructure and support to enable their successful transition into the new LCN arrangements
- **Headline Terms of Reference (TORs) will be in place for LCNs**
- Agreement with key partners on how they will engage with LCNs at a local level and strategically



# How you can help us ...

- Developing Terms of Reference
- Web content & data/information packs
- Post vesting day - Getting started
  - Democratic services 1<sup>st</sup> meeting booking June/July –Venue TBC
  - Staff team
  - Equality – voice, listening, location & facilities
  - Priorities setting

# Useful live links and information

## SCC Executive Committee

[Executive Meeting Papers Jan 2023](#) – ITEM 7

## Constitution and Governance Committee

[Terms of Reference for Committees Paper Jan 2023](#) – ITEM 9

You'll find the Business Case [HERE](#).

C,T&PC Conference Resources [HERE](#).

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**Your community  
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