

STAGES	INDICATIVE TIMINGS
WDC & SCDC Full Council meetings Report to approve proposal to merge SCDC & WDC	January 2017
Send proposal to merge to DCLG	January 2017
Joint Member Working Group formed to consider council size (number of councillors) for merged council	February – April 2017
WDC & SCDC Full Council meetings Report to approve council size proposal	May 2017
Send approved council size proposal to DCLG	June 2017
Order made by Secretary of State to create new council for East Suffolk (including the name and size of new council) from April 2019	September – October 2017
Executive decision Consent to the making of the Regulations	October 2017
Joint Member Working Group formed to consider warding proposals based upon the approved council size	October 2017
LGBCE warding process begins (including public consultation)	October 2017 – September 2018 (LGBCE to confirm how long is required)
WDC & SCDC Full Council meetings Report to approve budget, council tax & governance for new council	February 2019
New council legally takes effect	April 2019
Elections to new council	2 May 2019