

**Report for Glastonbury Town Council Meeting
August 11th 2020.
By Councillor Terry Napper.**

Unitary One Somerset.

The most important event to happen at Somerset Council this month was at Full Council on 29th July 2020. The vote to peruse the Unitary Council Route was taken and passed. There is going to be an awful lot of debate on how the councils will work together as the Parishes will have more influence in the working of administration. This will give more power to localisation of decisions. To give an illustration of the complexity we have at present the verges on our Highway is a patchwork of grass cutting some carried out by Somerset and some by Mendip and gives the appearance of being uncontrolled. Unitary will reduce the complexity of which Authority manages and division should be simplified .

Corona Virus

Somerset is faring quite well at the moment with this terrible Pandemic, although every death is a great tragedy. As at the end of July confirmed cases was 1308 and the number of deaths attributed to the virus was 201.

The latest number value for Somerset is between 0.8 & 11. We have had a local outbreak engagement board formed to manage and plan for an outbreak if one occurs that can close down premises and restrict movements.

Somerset is also undertaking a comprehensive business study to help the recovery of business and commerce with an accent on employment.

Terry Napper