

## Examples of Legal Shared Services across the country

Shared Service	Authorities involved	Summary
Association of West Yorkshire Authorities – Legal Services	Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council, Wakefield Metropolitan Borough Council, City of Bradford Council, Leeds City Council.	The Association of West Yorkshire Authorities has agreed to start sharing services across a wide range of areas including, Human Resources, Legal Services, Regulatory Services and Transport. Savings of £1.6m are expected from legal services.
<b>Stafford and Cannock Shared Service</b>	Stafford Borough Council, Cannock Chase District Council	Sharing a range of back office services using the lead authority model. Stafford BC is leading on the provision of ICT, Legal and HR. Cannock Chase DC is leading on Finance, Revenues and Benefits, Audit, Risk and Resilience and Procurement.
<b>Joint Legal Services</b>	North Warwickshire Borough Council, Blaby District Council, North West Leicestershire District Council and Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council.	Joint Legal Services Project between Blaby District Council, North west Leicestershire District Councils and Hinckley Borough Council and Bosworth Borough Council.
<b>Legal Services</b>	Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council Staffordshire County Council	Agreement for both authorities to share resources where needed and also to offer support where needed in delivery of the function. Estimated savings of £50,000 expected from the arrangement which is in development.
<b>Joint Legal Service</b>	Cherwell District Council; South Northamptonshire District Council; Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Joint Legal Service between Cherwell, South Northamptonshire and Stratford-on-Avon District Councils. The primary purpose of the joint team is to increase resilience (including in the Land Charges function), improve the quality and broaden the range of services provided, increase income earning opportunities and reduce external legal expenditure across the three Councils. Estimated savings have been in the region of £49,150

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<b>Mid Kent Services</b>	Maidstone Borough Council Swale Borough Council Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	Mid Kent Services is a group of back office services jointly owned and delivered by Maidstone, Swale and Tunbridge Wells Borough Councils who form the Mid Kent Improvement Partnership. The services have been developed to save money, increase resilience and develop best practice across the mid Kent area. Mid Kent Services includes Mid Kent Audit, Mid Kent HR, Mid Kent ICT, Mid Kent Legal Services, and Mid Kent Revenues and Benefits. Estimated overall savings have been in the region of £2,100,000.
<b>Shared Legal Service</b>	Merton London Borough, Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames, Royal Borough of Richmond upon Thames and Sutton London Borough.	The shared legal service is intended to save £600,000 between the four London Boroughs over the next four years while providing each borough with a substantially increased pool of legal expertise and reducing the need to instruct outside lawyers.
<b>Legal Services Lincolnshire</b>	Lincolnshire County Council, Boston Borough Council, East Lindsey District Council, North Kesteven District Council, South Holland District Council, West Lindsey District Council	Single Lincolnshire Legal Service comprised of lawyers and supporting administrative staff. It provides increased capacity within the service, improved quality of service, efficiency savings through the reduction in external legal spend and rationalisation of processes, generation of income for the councils, improved recruitment and retention and career development opportunities for staff. Estimated savings are in the region of £1,246,000.
<b>Harborough and Melton Shared Legal Services</b>	Harborough District Council, Melton Borough Council	Harborough District and Melton Borough Council are sharing legal services. Estimated savings are in the region of £71,000.