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**Subject:** Boundary Committee

Dear Colleague

At SAVO's Trustee Board meeting today (23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008), SAVO agreed to support the option for a single Suffolk Unitary Authority.

Of the two options on the Table, this was seen as best serving the needs of the people of Suffolk and the Voluntary and Community Organisations serving them. We will be preparing our submission for the September deadline.

Key points noted included: a Suffolk Unitary best provided for equality of opportunity and access to services; it provided a better balance between the rural and urban demands on Local Government; the proposed localization of key community decision making was an important feature - especially the engagement of VCS groups; With 80% of services provided by the current County Council - better continuity of planning, commissioning, grant-giving and services would be maintained in the transition process - and that the savings of running a single Unitary authority would enable greater investment in frontline services.

The Board supported Lowestoft being retained as part of Suffolk, but wanted further views from local organisations to ensure this reflected the local VCS perspective.

If, in the end, a two Unitary Authorities approach were adopted, SAVO would work with partners to ensure VCS formed a key part of the planning and decision-making.

SAVO will work with partner organisations to examine the best ways to support the Voluntary and Community Sector and consider changes that will help improve available services.

We are interested in receiving your views on Local Government changes. Please contact either myself or Laura Hack, SAVO's Partnership Manager (but note that holidays etc mean we will not be able to get back to you for a couple of weeks)

Kind regards  
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