

Greater Essex LGR

Previous LGR analysis

Analysis of previous iterations of LGR

Looking at unit cost across the RA/RO categories of areas that have recently undergone local government reorganisation, we have sought to identify any patterns. This analysis was used to help inform the phasing of savings in the financial analysis.

The following assumptions have been used in the analysis;

- Unit cost has been adjusted for inflation to reflect real prices
- The analysis does not look at the causation of unit cost trends but instead focuses on the pre and post reorganisation trends
- The areas that have been analysed are; BCP, Dorset, Buckinghamshire, North Northamptonshire, West Northamptonshire, Cumberland, North Yorkshire and Somerset

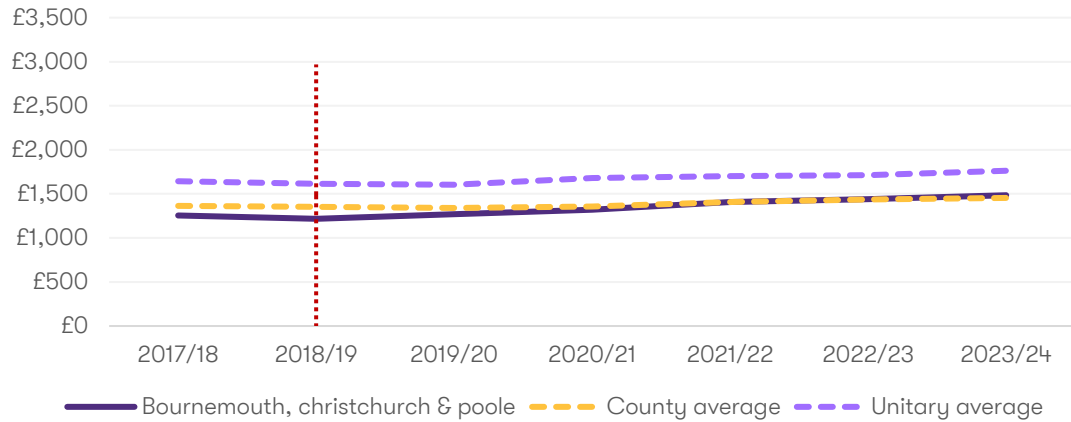
Net Revenue expenditure

The charts on the following two pages show the unit cost movement for net revenue expenditure. We note the following;

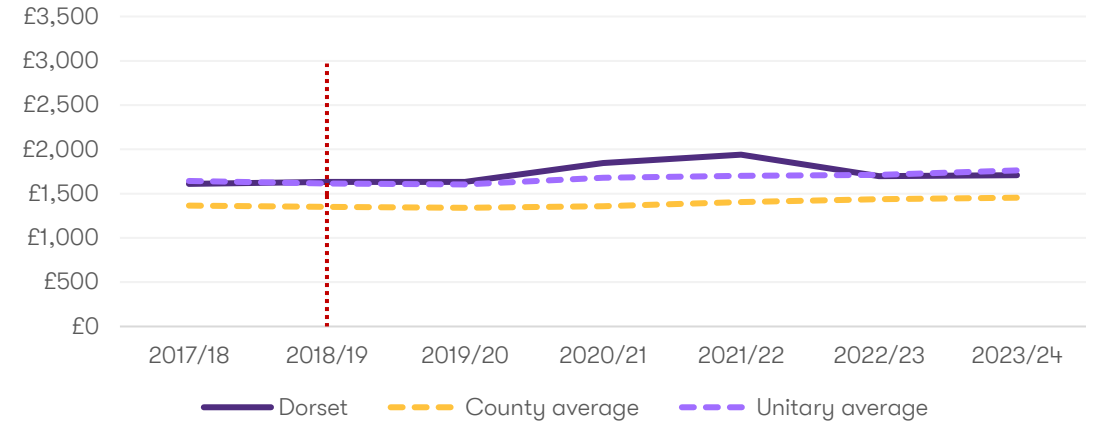
- Broadly, unit costs remain stable post-reorganisation when compared to pre-reorganisation. This indicates that significant savings are not delivered immediately upon reorganisation. The fact that unit costs have remained relatively stable indicates that increases in cost have been managed within the newly created authorities
- The only exceptions are the Northamptonshire authorities but the decrease in unit cost following reorganisation may be attributable to an increase related to Covid-19 as it is in line with earlier unit costs of the predecessor authorities.
- Cumberland's data only includes one year post-reorganisation so a conclusion cannot be drawn from this. Other areas that went through LGR at the same time (North Yorkshire and Somerset) show stable unit costs post-reorganisation.
- Our analysis is that there is no immediate and significant savings from LGR as the newly created authorities take time to integrate and embed. This has been reflected in our phasing of savings in the financial analysis.

Net revenue expenditure analysis

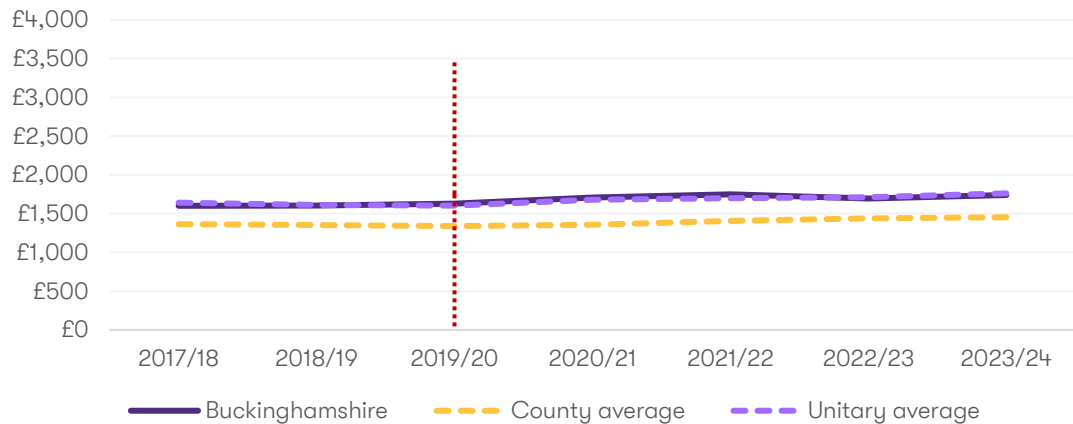
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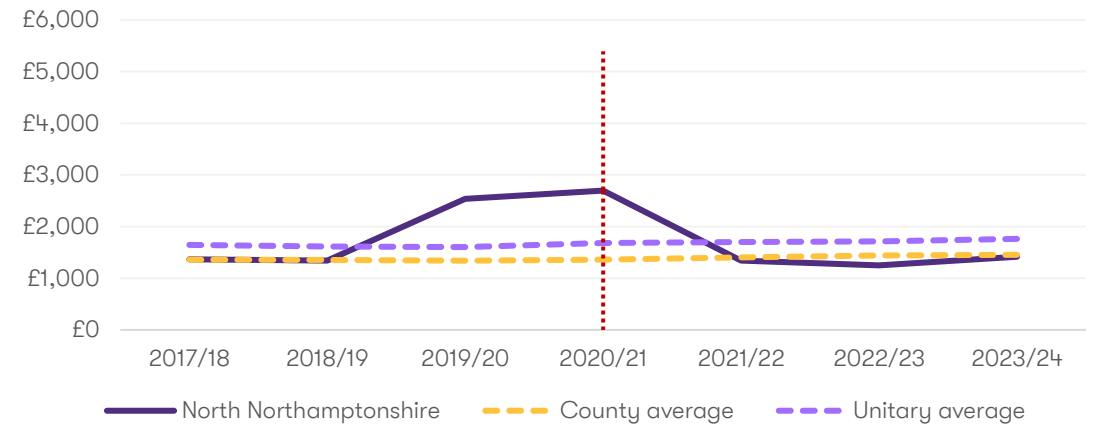
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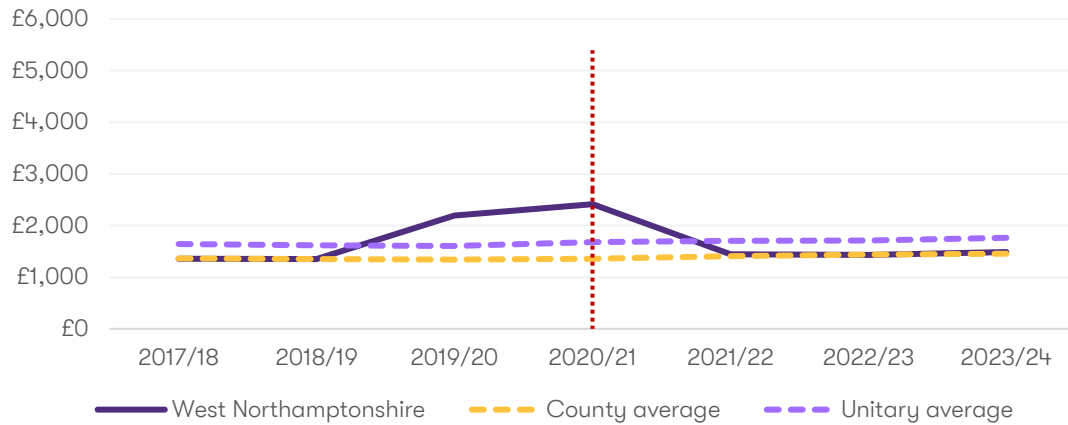


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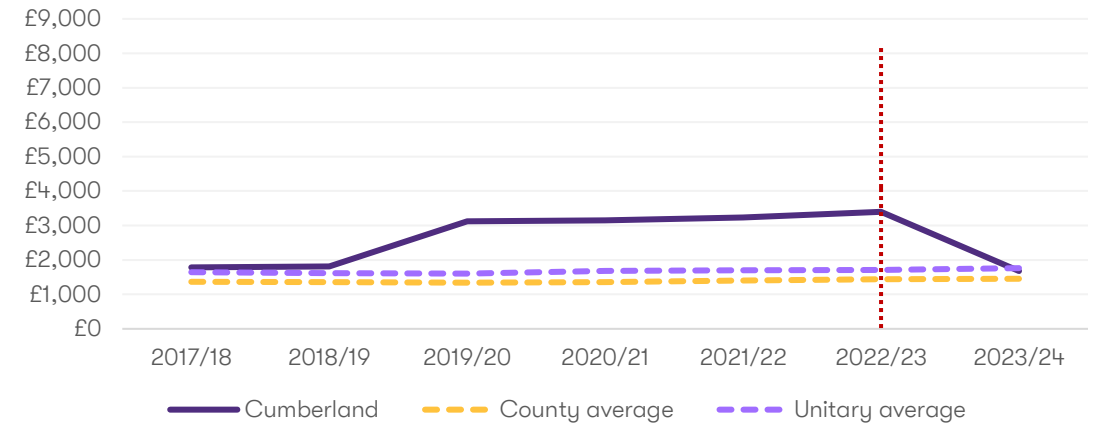


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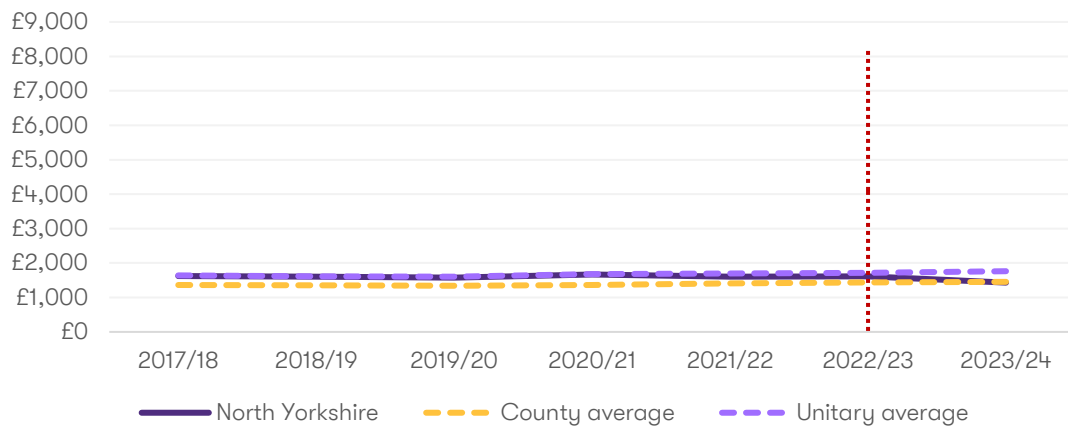
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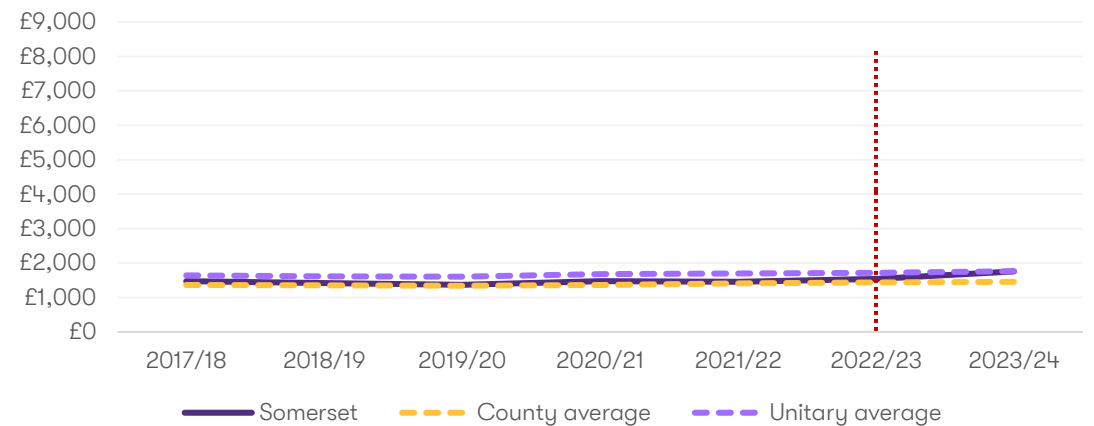
Cumberland



North Yorkshire



Somerset





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