

# How to find the URI for an English Local Authority

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## Persistent Identifiers for English Local Authorities

The Department for Communities and Local Government maintains a list of all Local Authorities in England and gives them a unique persistent identifier in the form of a URI. These URIs are published at their Open Data Communities (ODC) web pages at <http://opendatacommunities.org/>


The Cabinet Office also provide a list of English Local Authorities as a Register. That Register is expected to eventually replace the ODC list.

## Finding a URI for an English Local Authority

The Local Government Association provides a great way of finding the right URI for all sorts of subjects, including English Local Authorities.

Go to the LGA's URI finder page at their open data site.	<a href="http://uris.opendata.esd.org.uk/">http://uris.opendata.esd.org.uk/</a>
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<p>Fill in the form in the 'Lookup URIs section'</p> <p>In this example, search for sedgemoor.</p>											
<p>Click 'Lookup' to get a list of URIs with that name in the label.</p> <p>In this example there is only one result.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>Uri</th> <th>Label</th> <th>Long label</th> <th>Organisation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Local authority</td> <td><a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor">http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor</a></td> <td>Sedgemoor</td> <td>Sedgemoor</td> <td>Official</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type	Uri	Label	Long label	Organisation	Local authority	<a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor">http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor</a>	Sedgemoor	Sedgemoor	Official
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<p>Copy the URI from the right entry in the list.</p> <p>Make sure that it starts with http://opendatacommunities.org/id/</p>	<p><a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor">http://opendatacommunities.org/id/district-council/sedgemoor</a></p>										

<p>If you click on the URI, you get a page from OpenDataCommunities</p>											
<p>Beware though, as the URL that you get when you look it up, changes the /id/ part to /doc/.</p> <p>So the URI must be chosen from the list, not from the URL that you get when you click it.</p>	<p><a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/doc/district-council/sedgemoor">http://opendatacommunities.org/doc/district-council/sedgemoor</a></p>										
<p>When looking at the open data page for the URI, the API tab shows all sort of information, and links to other URIs.</p>	<table border="0"> <tr> <td><b>Billing authority code</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/billingAuthorityCode">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/billingAuthorityCode</a></td> <td>E3332 xsd:string</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>County</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/county">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/county</a></td> <td><b>Somerset</b> ▶ <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/id/county-council/somerset">http://opendatacommunities.org/id/county-council/somerset</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Government office region</b> <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/def/administrative-geography/region">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/def/administrative-geography/region</a></td> <td><b>South West</b> ▶ <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/government-office-region/K">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/government-office-region/K</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Governs</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governs">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governs</a></td> <td><b>Sedgemoor</b> ▶ <a href="http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/id/700000000010575">http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/id/700000000010575</a></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Governs GSS</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governsGSS">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governsGSS</a></td> <td><b>Sedgemoor E07000188</b> ▶ <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/statistical-geography/E07000188">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/statistical-geography/E07000188</a></td> </tr> </table>	<b>Billing authority code</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/billingAuthorityCode">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/billingAuthorityCode</a>	E3332 xsd:string	<b>County</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/county">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/county</a>	<b>Somerset</b> ▶ <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/id/county-council/somerset">http://opendatacommunities.org/id/county-council/somerset</a>	<b>Government office region</b> <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/def/administrative-geography/region">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/def/administrative-geography/region</a>	<b>South West</b> ▶ <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/government-office-region/K">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/government-office-region/K</a>	<b>Governs</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governs">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governs</a>	<b>Sedgemoor</b> ▶ <a href="http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/id/700000000010575">http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/id/700000000010575</a>	<b>Governs GSS</b> <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governsGSS">http://opendatacommunities.org/def/local-government/governsGSS</a>	<b>Sedgemoor E07000188</b> ▶ <a href="http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/statistical-geography/E07000188">http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/statistical-geography/E07000188</a>
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