

# 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 <a href="http://opendatacommunities.org/">http://opendatacommunities.org/</a>

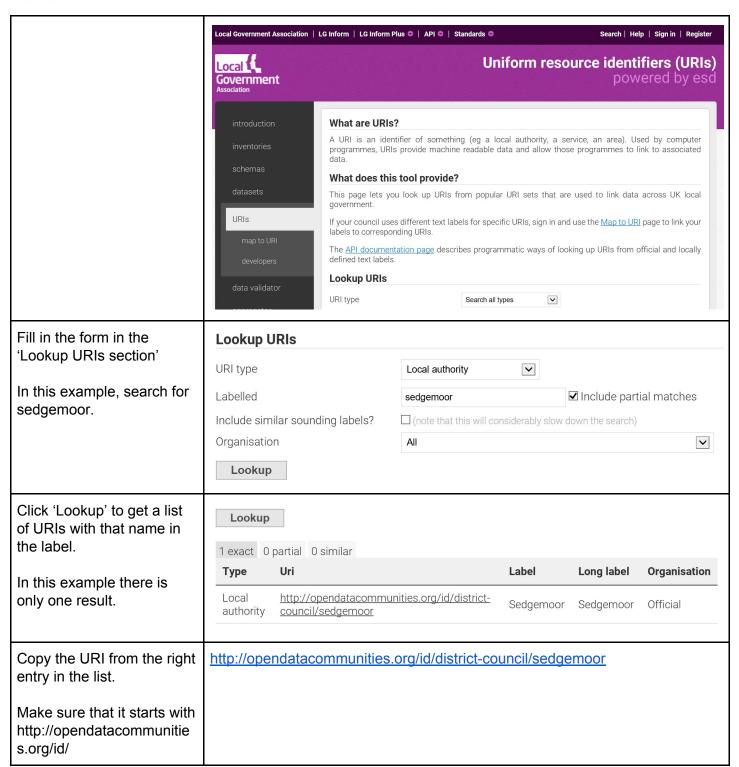
The Cabinet Office also provide a list of English Local Authorities as a Register. That Register is expected to eventually replace the ODC list.

### 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	http://uris.opendata.esd.org.uk/
page at their open data	
site.	







If you click on the URI, you get a page from OpenDataCommunities	OpenDataCo Open access to le	
Beware though, as the URL that you get when you look it up, changes the /id/ part to /doc/.  So the URI must be	http://opendatacommunities.o	rg/doc/district-council/sedgemoor
chosen from the list, not from the URL that you get when you click it.		
When looking at the open data page for the URI, the API tab shows all sort of information, and links to other URIs.	Billing authority code http://opendatacommunities.org/def/ local-government/billingAuthorityCo de	E3332 xsd:string
	County http://opendatacommunities.org/def/ local-government/county	Somerset ► http://opendatacommunities.org/id/county-council/somerset
	Government office region http://statistics.data.gov.uk/def/a dministrative-geography/region	South West ► http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/government-office-region/K
	Governs http://opendatacommunities.org/def/ local-government/governs	Sedgemoor ► http://data.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/id/700000000010575
	Governs GSS http://opendatacommunities.org/def/ local-government/governsGSS	Sedgemoor E07000188 ► http://statistics.data.gov.uk/id/statistical-geography/E07000188

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