

Council 26 November 2025

Item 13: Local Government Reorganisation Proposal - Full Proposal for Local Government reorganisation (LGR) in Gloucestershire

Proposed by Councillor Mike Evemy

Seconded by Councillor Tom Stowe

Resolution

This Council recognises:

1. That the decision to move towards unitary council(s) in Gloucestershire was made by the Government rather than by the councils in the county.
2. The work done by councillors and officers across Gloucestershire to prepare the two proposals for Local Government Re-organisation (LGR) in the county.
3. That the final decision on the future shape of local government in Gloucestershire will be made by a government minister.

This Council believes:

1. That the single-unitary option and the east/west unitary option are both viable proposals that could be implemented.
2. That there are strengths to each of the two options being considered by the Council.
3. That on balance, the single unitary council for Gloucestershire would provide a stronger and less disruptive basis for the delivery of services and a more robust and resilient financial position than new unitary councils for the east and west of the county.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To request that the Cabinet proposes the single unitary council for Gloucestershire in response to the minister's invitation on 5 February 2025.
2. To request that the Leader sends an accompanying letter to the minister indicating the reasons for this decision based upon the debate at this meeting and at Cabinet.
3. To request that the Cabinet and Officers continue their work to prepare for LGR in advance of a decision by the government that is expected in June or July 2026.