



Supplement for

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Agenda No Item

248. **Local Government Reorganisation - Gloucestershire Structural Changes
Order –Response – Final** (Pages 5 – 10)

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Area	Gloucestershire	Supporting Comments
LGR Model	1 Unitary Model	
Preparing Authority	Preparing authority	Support for the preparing authority model reflects the simplicity of this model compared with the shadow authority model and the additional cost and complexity of that approach. The challenge of setting a new culture in a preparing authority is recognised and must be a top priority for the new council if this model is chosen.
New Authority names and former councils	Gloucestershire Council Gloucester City Council (GC), Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC), Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC), Stroud District Council (SDC), Cotswold District Council, (CDC) Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)	
Joint committee(s)	Joint Committee of 12 persons: 6 from GCC 6 from District/Borough Councils (1 from each)	An equal representation from the county council and the district/borough/city authorities will ensure that all councils will have a voice and that decisions can be made effectively.
Voting arrangements	Majority voting of those present Each member (including the Chair of the committee) has one vote. The person presiding at the meeting has a casting vote, in addition to any other vote the person may have.	
Chair	GCC leader with district leader deputy	

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Political Balance	Not specified	As any balancing for political purposes would need to come within the Gloucestershire CC nominees, we believe it is for GCC to make a recommendation on this.
Returning Officer	County Council CEO	
Timing of Joint Committee	Not later than 14 days of the Order coming into force Dissolved on the day following each shadow authority holds its first meeting.	
Warding	Existing county council divisions – 55 divisions, 2 members per division making 110 members	The electoral arrangements were in the proposal and we remain supportive of them.
Transition of civic/ceremonial functions	No view	
Alignment of T&P elections	Supported, however we would expect government to seek views from T&PCs as separate legal entities to the seven councils.	
Implementation Team		
Timing	Not later than 21 days after the coming into force of this Order.	
Implementation team members	One Team comprising officers from county council and each of the district councils The leader of the implementation team is the Chief Executive of the county council The deputy leader of the Implementation Team is one of the Chief Executives from one of the district/borough councils.	

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Area	Gloucestershire		Supporting Comments
LGR Model	2 Unitary Model		
Preparing Authority	N/A - two new legal entities which require all seven preceding councils to TUPE and novate contracts to etc		
New Authority names and former councils	East Gloucestershire Council Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC), Cotswold District Council, (CDC), part of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)	West Gloucestershire Council Gloucester City Council (GC), Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC), Stroud District Council (SDC), part of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)	In the absence of any other proposals, we support the geographic descriptors for the councils.
Joint committee(s)	East Gloucestershire Council Joint Committee 12 persons: 6 from GCC, within the footprint 6 from District/Borough Councils (2 from each in East)	West Gloucestershire Council Joint Committee 12 persons: 6 from GCC within the footprint, 6 from District/Borough or City Councils (2 from each in West)	An equal representation from the county council and the district/borough/city authorities will ensure that all councils will have a voice and that decisions can be made effectively.
Voting arrangements	- Majority voting of those present - Each member (including the Chairman of the committee) has one vote. - The person presiding at the meeting has a casting vote, in addition to any other vote the person may have.		
Chair	Leader from the county council or from a district or borough council. Deputy chair also required and would be from the alternative ie if a county chair then deputy is district	Leader from a district or city council. Deputy chair also required and would be from the alternative i.e. if a county chair then deputy is	

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	or borough and vice versa. [Members of the Joint Committee from the County Council have to be for an electoral division within "East Gloucestershire". The Chair of the Joint Committee can only be the Leader of the Joint Committee if they represent a ward in the area of "East Gloucestershire"]	district/borough/city and vice versa. [Members of the Joint Committee from the County Council have to be for an electoral division within "West Gloucestershire". The Chair of the Joint Committee can only be the Leader of the Joint Committee if they represent a ward in the area of "West Gloucestershire"]	
Political Balance	Not specified		As any balancing for political purposes would need to come within the Gloucestershire CC nominees, we believe it is for GCC to make a recommendation on this.
Returning Officer	CEO from one of the districts or boroughs within the footprint	CEO from one of the districts or boroughs within the footprint	
Timing of Joint Committee	Not later than 14 days of the Order coming into force Dissolved on the day following each shadow authority holds its first meeting.		
Warding	East: 26 wards, based on existing County Council divisions, each electing 2 councillors (52 in total). Existing division names to be retained.	West: 29 wards, based on existing County Council divisions, each electing 2 councillors (58 in total). Existing division names to be retained.	The electoral arrangements were in the proposal and we remain supportive of them.

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Transition of civic/ceremonial functions			
Alignment of T&P elections	Supported, however we would expect government to seek views from T&PCs as separate legal entities to the seven councils.		
Implementation Team			
Timing	Not later than 21 days after the coming into force of this Order		
Implementation team members	• One Team comprising officers from county council and each of the district councils • The leader of the implementation team is the Chief Executive of the county council • The deputy leaders of the Implementation Team are one for East - a CEO officer from one of the three district/borough councils comprising the footprint and one for West - a CEO officer from one of the three district/borough councils comprising the footprint.		

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LGR Model	2 Unitary Model		
Preparing Authority	N/A - two new legal entities which require all seven preceding councils to TUPE and novate contracts to etc		
New Authority names and former councils	Greater Gloucester Council Gloucester City Council (GC) , part of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council and part of FODDC	Gloucestershire Council Part of Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC), Cheltenham Borough Council (CBC), Cotswold District Council, (CDC), Forest of Dean District Council (FODDC), Part Stroud District Council (SDC), part of Gloucestershire County Council (GCC)	
Joint committee(s)	Greater Gloucester Council- Joint Committee 12 persons: 6 from GCC, from within the footprint 6 from District/Borough/City Councils (3 from Gloucester City Council, 1 from Stroud District Council, 1 from Tewkesbury Borough Council 1 from FODDC)	Gloucestershire Joint Committee 10 persons: 5 from GCC, from within the footprint 5 from District/Borough Councils (1 from each)	An equal representation from the county council and the district/borough/city authorities will ensure that all councils will have a voice and that decisions can be made effectively.
Voting arrangements	- Majority voting of those present - Each member (including the Chairman of the committee) has one vote. - The person presiding at the meeting has a casting vote, in addition to any other vote the person may have.		

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Chair	Greater Gloucester - Leader from Gloucester City Council Deputy – Cabinet member from county [Members of the Joint Committee from the County Council have to be for an electoral division within "Greater Gloucester" area. The Chair of the Joint Committee can only be the Leader of the Joint Committee if they represent a ward in the area of "Greater Gloucester"]	Gloucestershire – Leader from the county council with deputy district or borough [Members of the Joint Committee from the County Council have to be for an electoral division within "Gloucestershire" area. The Chair of the Joint Committee can only be the Leader of the Joint Committee if they represent a ward in the area of "Gloucestershire"]	
Political Balance	Not specified		As any balancing for political purposes would need to come within the Gloucestershire CC nominees, we believe it is for GCC to make a recommendation on this.
Returning Officer	CEO from Gloucester City for Greater Gloucester	CEO from county council	
Timing of Joint Committee	Not later than 14 days of the Order coming into force Dissolved on the day following each shadow authority holds its first meeting.		
Warding	Based on existing 18 City Council wards and new wards for the surrounding parishes coming in (based	Based on County Council divisions, two members per division with one division only having one member as will be split with Greater Gloucester	

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	on parish council building blocks)		
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Alignment of T&P elections	Supported, however we would expect government to seek views from T&PCs as separate legal entities to the seven councils		
Implementation Team			
Timing	Not later than 21 days after the coming into force of this Order		
Implementation team members	- One Team comprising officers from county council and each of the district councils - The leader of the implementation team is the Chief Executive of the county council The deputy leaders of the Implementation Team are one for Greater Gloucester – CEO of Gloucester City and one from one of the five district/borough councils comprising the footprint of Gloucestershire		