

Local Government Reorganisation Update.

The Government has today provided a further update on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR), including what happens next for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

For Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, the Government has not yet made a decision on the future structure of local government. All proposals and options submitted for our area remain under consideration, with a decision expected by early next year at the latest. The Government has said it will approach its decision with an open mind.

Elsewhere, the Government has indicated that it is minded to progress proposals in five areas: East Sussex and Brighton, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

The Government has confirmed that scheduled local elections in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will go ahead in May 2027. Looking further ahead, the Government is targeting May 2028 for elections to shadow unitary councils and April 2029 for new councils to come into existence. The precise timetable for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will, however, depend on the Government's decision on the future structure of local government in our area being made by early next year as expected.

The Government has also referred to funding to support the next stages of local government reorganisation and has said Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will receive £500,000. The Government had previously said all areas would receive £900,000 of transitional funding for each new Unitary council so further clarification is needed on the detail so we understand how the £500,000 announced will apply to Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against the previous commitments.

At this stage, the key point is that no decision has yet been made about the future structure of local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We will consider today's announcement collectively across the seven councils and understand what it means for the programme and individual workstreams.

Further information will be provided once the seven councils have considered the implications and agreed the appropriate next steps.

We will continue to keep Members informed as further information becomes available and decisions are made about the next steps for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

If you have any concerns or questions, as always, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Regards,

Cllr Chris Boden – Leader

Paul Medd – Chief Executive