



Report to: Governance, General Purposes & LGR Committee – 27 November 2025

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Local Government Reorganisation in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Purpose of Report	To enable the Governance, General Purposes & LGR Committee to consider the latest position in respect of local government reorganisation following the Cabinet Meeting held on 26 November 2025
Recommendations	That the Governance, General Purposes & LGR Committee: (a) note the decision of the Cabinet in respect of local government reorganisation; and (b) consider next steps following the submission of the Final Proposal to government.
Reason for Recommendations	To provide the Committee with the detail of the Final Proposal submitted to the government and an opportunity to consider the nature of any debate at the Cabinet and next steps.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Attached as an Appendix to this report, is the cover report and appendices for the Cabinet meeting to be held on 26 November 2025. The decision of the Cabinet and any substantive issues that arise at this meeting will be reported verbally to the Committee.
- 1.2 The Cabinet are being asked to endorse the submission (Appendix A to the Cabinet report) of the Final Proposal for a new unitary structure of local government for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- 1.3 The Final Proposal is based on Option 1e which was approved by the Cabinet on 15 July 2025 following the resolution of the Full Council on the same evening. As Members will be aware Option 1e would see the creation of two new unitary authorities, the first consisting of Ashfield; Bassetlaw; Gedling; Mansfield; and Newark & Sherwood; and a second consisting of Broxtowe; Nottingham City; and Rushcliffe.
- 1.4 All Members of the Council were also invited to attend a presentation on the content of the Final Proposal held on 18 November 2025.

2.0 Proposal

- 2.1 The Committee are invited to consider the latest position in respect of local government reorganisation following the decision of the Cabinet in respect of the Final Proposal and the submission to the government.
- 2.2 In addition, the Committee may also wish to consider next steps in accordance with the timetable below.

Activity	By when
Submit final business case to Government	28 November 2025
Work around implementation and transition	November 2025 – May 2027
Decision by Government	Spring/ Summer 2026
Elections for shadow authority	May 2027
New unitary authority vesting day	April 2028

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

The full implications are contained in the report to the Cabinet.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Refer to the Cabinet Report attached as the appendix to this report.