



Cambridge City Council Cabinet

Date: Thursday, 20 November 2025

Time: 7.00 pm*

This meeting will start after the conclusion of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting.

Venue: Downing Place United Reform Church, 4 Downing Place, Cambridge, CB2 3EL

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Agenda

This meeting is open to any member of the Council who wishes to ask questions of the Cabinet on items included on this agenda. Could members please notify the Committee Manager if they wish to attend and speak.

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declarations of Interest

KEY DECISIONS

- 3 Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) proposal sign-off (Pages 5 - 6)
To agree the LGR proposal submission that the Council will be supporting before submission to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

The following appendices to the LGR report can be found at the link below:

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- LGR Report for Council
- Option B - Draft LGR Proposal
- Option A - Cambridgeshire County Council report
- Option C – Huntingdonshire District Council proposal
- Option D – Peterborough City Council proposal

- Option E – Huntingdonshire District Council proposal
- Pixel – Cambridgeshire LGR balance sheet analysis
- Pixel - Cambridgeshire LGR funding disaggregation
- Newton People Services report

Cabinet Members: Holloway (Chair), Wade (Vice-Chair), Bird, Moore, Nestor, Smart, A. Smith, S. Smith, Thornburrow and Todd-Jones

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION PROPOSALS

To: Cabinet, 20 November 2025

Lead Cabinet Member: Councillor Cameron Holloway, Leader of the Council

Report by: David Kidston, Strategy Lead, david.kidston@cambridge.gov.uk

Wards affected: All

Director Approval: The Chief Executive confirms that the report author has sought the advice of all appropriate colleagues and given due regard to that advice; that the equalities impacts and other implications of the recommended decisions have been assessed and accurately presented in the report; and that they are content for the report to be put to Cabinet for decision.

1. Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- Notes the reports and other documents which include all LGR options likely to be submitted
- Considers the feedback and any recommendations made by Council at its meeting held immediately prior to this Cabinet meeting
- Approves the draft proposal, Option B, for submission to the Secretary of State as this Council's preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation
- Delegates to the Chief Executive Officer in consultation with the Leader the authority to make any necessary amendments prior to submitting the final proposal.

2. Background and context

2.1 On 5 February 2025, the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution invited proposals to establish unitary authorities across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Councils wishing to submit proposals to Government must do so by 28 November 2025.

- 2.2 Five proposals have been developed to reorganise local government across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Each council can only submit one proposal.
- 2.3 Cambridge City Council has worked together with East Cambridgeshire District Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council to develop a proposal - Option B, which if chosen by government would create two new unitary councils.

Unitary 1	Peterborough City Council, Huntingdonshire, East Cambridgeshire, and Fenland District Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council functions (North Cambridgeshire & Peterborough)
Unitary 2	Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Councils and Cambridgeshire County Council functions (Greater Cambridge)

- 2.4 A more detailed report on Local Government Reorganisation was presented to Council on 20 November. That report includes a summary of all five options (A, B, C, D and E), a summary of the options appraisal, and further information about Option B. It also includes details about potential financial, staffing, equalities, legal, and financial implications.
- 2.5 The full proposals for Options A, B, C, D and E were also presented to Council, together with independent expert reports about the financial and public service implications of the different options.