

# **County Councillors Report November 2025.**

## **Local Government Reorganisation of Councils.**

Based on the evidence gathered so far, the administration for Leicestershire County Council is proposing a single county unitary for Leicestershire and Rutland as its preferred option, based on existing boundaries. The City Council would be separate. This is exactly what the previous Conservative administration were proposing. It's the best for the residents of the County and protects services like Education, Children and Families which were given an outstanding report earlier this year. It would also have a knock-on effect to Adults and Communities. To split these services would have a major impact on the services and their delivery and would also have major cost implications. The problem is the Districts and Borough Councils simply want to hold on to what they have and keep their own power bases that goes for their councillors too. I sit on both the Borough and County Council. To me it's not about holding onto what you have, yes there would be a lot less councillors. However, it's about delivering the best service to the residents of Leicestershire. They are at the heart of the services that councils deliver. Local government reorganisation is being forced through by the Labour Government we have no option but to go with it. As such we should be working on the best way forward to protect and improve the services that our rate paying residents deserve. That being the case I strongly believe that ONE Council for Leicestershire and Rutland is the Best Option.

### **Better Services**

A single council for Leicestershire and Rutland would:

- Provide consistent services, no matter where residents live
- Simple access – one phone number and website
- Universal services (leisure centres, libraries, waste sites) available across the area
- Maximum spending power
- Money saved ploughed back into frontline services

We've worked with the city council so we're consistent with our assumptions and data.

**Our work shows that a single council for Leicestershire and Rutland would save around £40 million each year.**

We would save money on fewer senior officers and elected members, reduced back-office costs, and spend on service management.

The one-off transition costs are significant but paid back in a couple of years.

The preferred option for Leicestershire County Council, with a single unitary council for Leicestershire and Rutland, and a separate council for Leicester city, based on its current boundary.

### **Leicester City Council Proposal To Grow.**

The government has invited proposals from cities like Leicester, Derby and Nottingham to extend their boundary, so that they're more sustainable.

A bigger city council would save a similar amount overall, but the implementation costs and risks are higher.

The larger the expansion the greater the saving are taken by the city.

Transferring services from the county to the city increases the risk of service disruption and will require significant extra financial investment. This will also have a negative impact on the County Councils Budget.

### **District and Rutland proposal to split.**

The districts are preparing a bid for three unitary councils. Splitting the county areas delivers lower savings, as two sets of management and overhead are required. This proposal will also split services like education, children's and families and adults and communities. It will also split the Highways operations hence more costly.

Their preferred option for the districts and Rutland, with separate councils for the north from Northwest Leicestershire to Rutland, and the south from Hinckley and Bosworth to Harborough. The city council is a third council based on its existing boundary.

### **Timeline**

#### **March 2025**

The Government asked for interim plans.

#### **June 2025**

The Government provided some feedback.

#### **28 November 2025**

Deadline for final submission to Government.

#### **During 2026**

Government will consult on proposed change.

#### **Summer 2026**

Government decision.

#### **2027 to 2028**

Development of new councils.

#### **April 2028**

New councils commence.

### **Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Groby 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025.**

A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is to be made for the following location: **Stamford Drive/Ulverscroft Drive, Groby** (see weblink or scan QR code).

The purpose of the TTRO is to allow **Leicestershire County Council** to undertake carriageway patching.

The TTRO will incorporate a temporary road closure and parking restriction.

The duration of the restriction is not anticipated to exceed a period of 1 day on the 12th December 2025.

The closure will be in conjunction with 2-way traffic signals on Laundon Way.

*Access to properties will be maintained, however a short delay in gaining access may occur whilst the area is made safe.*

A Press Release will be issued to confirm these details approximately two weeks prior to the works commencing.

Weblink: <https://one.network/?tm=GB145902793>

From a smart device, scan the code below for more information.



Should you require any further information please contact our Customer Services Centre by calling **0116 305 0001**

## **Updates From Trading Standards.**

### **Beware Doorstep Callers**

Being vigilant with doorstep traders Due to a recent rise in doorstep complaints in Loughborough, Trading Standards officers have been out in the area to issue advice on doorstep crime. Accompanied by a specialist fraud officer from Leicestershire Police, the officers visited local residents and provided information on how to deal with cold callers and to offer guidance on how to source reputable traders. If you suspect rogue traders to be operating in your area, contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. To request no cold calling stickers please email Trading Standards at [tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk](mailto:tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk)

**If someone is aggressive or won't leave, call the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency**

### **Best Before Dates**

Ever wondered the difference between a use by date and a best before date? Trading Standards Food Officers are often out and about in the county checking durability dates in shops and supermarkets. Foods which are highly perishable, such as fresh meat, fish and poultry, dairy products and sandwiches will be marked with a use by date. It is illegal to sell foods with an expired use by date and Trading Standards may take enforcement action where these foods are found on sale. Foods which are not highly perishable, such as frozen, dried and tinned foods are marked with a best before date. These foods are at their best if consumed before this date, but do not pose a safety risk if they are consumed after the date has expired. These can legally be sold past their best before dates, providing the purchaser is made aware and the quality of the food is acceptable. Eggs are the only exception to this rule, which must be sold 7 days before the best before date to ensure that the purchaser has adequate time to consume them before the date expires. This is why you will see a sell by date and a best before date on eggs. If you are aware of any businesses who are breaking these rules, please let us know by completing the 'report it' form on our website.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank residents and councillors for your continued support. I am available at Parish Council meetings, or I can visit you if you need help or advice. Remember I am only an Email or a phone call away.

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