

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Advisory Group

12 May 2025

Agenda

1. Introductions, thanks for joining the group, and discuss/agree ToRs
2. Update on LGR progress and discussion
3. Discussion: “How can we best support areas to be ambitious about public service reform?”
4. AOB and next steps.

Meeting summary

Participants were thanked for joining the group. They discussed the need to update the Terms of Reference (ToRs).

MHCLG provided an update on the Local Government Reorganisation process and emphasised the importance of transparent and bespoke feedback, covering key themes of population size, boundary changes, and ceremonial issues. The subsequent discussions covered boundaries, the impact of local election results, funding availability, transition costs, and the need for investment to realise benefits.

The discussion on public service reform stressed the importance of seizing opportunities amidst the volume of changes, and there was emphasis on the need for capacity, talent retention, and best practice examples.