Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Advisory Group
5 November 2026

Agenda

1. Introductions and welcome
2. Local Government Reorganisation announcement and programme update
3. Discussion and next steps

Meeting Notes

The group discussed the 29 October Local Government Reorganisation announcement, including minded-to decisions, arrangements for representations and the revised programme timetable.

Discussions also covered capacity funding, and the implications of the revised timetable for budgets, governance, local plans and devolution. Members shared learning from Surrey's implementation, including officer roles and powers, dispute resolution, inspection arrangements and early support for successor authorities.

The department agreed to provide further information on the representations process and programme timeline, work with Surrey colleagues to capture implementation learning, and continue discussions on assurance and wider policy coordination. The next meeting was proposed for the new year.