

LGR and its impact on the voluntary sector

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What is Local Government Re-Organisation?



In February 2025, the government invited all two-tier areas (and some neighbouring unitary authorities) in England to submit proposals for Local Government Re-Organisation.

This means that areas that deliver services through two tiers of local government (e.g., a county and a district council) will be re-organized into new 'unitary authorities.' These new authorities will be responsible for all service delivery in the area. The aim is to create efficiencies and to simplify services for residents by having 'one front door.'

In Cambridgeshire & Peterborough, councils will be submitting one response to government's request that will include a number of options for re-organisation. It will then be up to the government to decide on which option will be implemented, following a statutory consultation.

When creating the proposals, local areas have been advised to take into account six criteria: economic growth and tax base, financial sustainability, service delivery, engagement, devolution and stronger community empowerment.

What options are being put to government in the region?

Option A



Option B



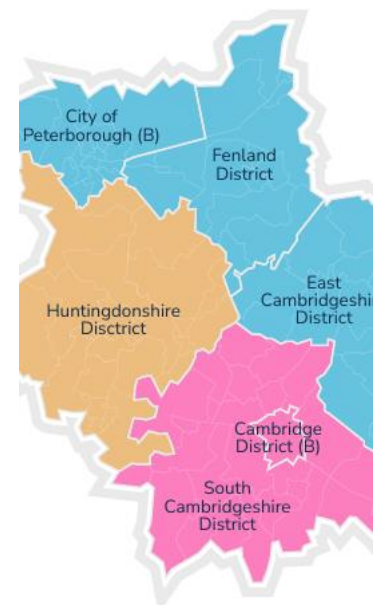
Option C



Option D



Option E



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What does LGR mean for the voluntary sector?

- It is still unclear what the implications of LGR will be on the voluntary sector. A lot of this may depend on the future unitary administrations and the vision put forward.
- However, LGR is intended to give a greater alignment of services, with greater stability around funding and political leadership.
- It is expected that this will improve relationships with the VCSE, as communication should be clearer and connected services can allow for a more holistic approach to achieving outcomes.

Government expectations:

- Proposals have also worked to demonstrate how the option put forward can successfully improve community empowerment and neighbourhood engagement, in line with government's guidance.
- The VCSE will be crucial to realising these improvements, whether that be through community forums or neighbourhood empowerment.
- It is also expected that LGR will improve authorities focus on prevention, which can be achieved through collaboration with the VCSE.