

Comprehensive Timeline: English Devolution, LGOF & LGR (2024–2030)

2024

- 16 December: Government publishes the English Devolution White Paper.

2025

Legislation & Governance

- 6 February: Statutory invitation issued to councils in two-tier areas to submit reorganisation proposals.
- 10 February: Local Authorities (Changes to Years of Ordinary Elections) Order 2025 made
- 21 March: Deadline for submission of interim LGR proposals.
- 24 March: Ministerial statement confirms responses from all 21 areas; £7.6 million allocated for proposal development.
- 3 June: Government publishes feedback on interim LGR plans and funding allocations.
- 3 July: Deputy PM announces the Local Government Outcomes Framework at the LGA Conference.
- 10 July: English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill introduced to Parliament.
- 2 September: Bill scheduled for Second Reading, Ways and Means Resolution, Money Resolution, and Programme Motion.
- 12 September: Deadline for written feedback on LGOF.
- 30 September: Deadline for final LGR proposals from areas in the Devolution Priority Programme.
- 28 November: Deadline for full LGR proposals from all other areas.

2026

LGOF Implementation

- April: Final LGOF published alongside the provisional local government finance settlement.
- April onwards: LGOF used to support outcome-based accountability and funding decisions.

Local Government Reorganisation

2027

- May:
 - Elections for new unitary authorities in areas submitting final proposals in 2025.

2028

- April 2028: Go-live date for new unitary councils formed from 2025 proposals.

2030

- Goal: Full coverage of England by devolution deals.
- All areas part of either mayoral or non-mayoral strategic authorities.
- LGOF fully embedded as the standard for local government accountability.
- Local government structures simplified into unitary models where appropriate.