

APPENDIX 1

Key dates for Local Government Re-organisation Process

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| 16th December 2024 | White Paper titled English Devolution White Paper issued BY Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government |
| 8 th January 2025 | Letter sent by Worcestershire County Council to Minister of State requesting postponement of 2025 elections |
| 5 th February 2025 | Letter from Minister of State to the Leaders of two-tier councils in Worcestershire including Annex A - Invitation for Proposals for a Single Tier of Local Government and Guidance for proposals |
| 12 th March 2025 | Extra Ordinary Council meeting to consider Interim Response |
| 21 st March 2025 | Deadline for Interim response to be sent to the MHCLG |
| 1 st May 2025 | Worcestershire County Council elections going ahead |
| 28 th November 2025 | Deadline for final proposals for re-organisation to be sent to MHCLG |
| January to April 2026 | Government consultation on proposals submitted |
| May 2026 | Local elections scheduled to take place in Redditch and Worcester City Council |
| May to August 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government decision on proposal• Re-organisation legislation prepared and laid before Parliament |
| May 2027 | District Council Elections due to take place |
| May 2027 | Elections to new shadow unitary authority or authorities |
| May to December 2027 | Any transitional legislation prepared and laid before Parliament |
| 01 April 2028 | Go live date for new unitary authority (authorities) |