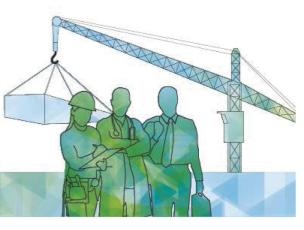
Leicester Leicestershire

Delivering Growth Together



Consultation closed

Have your say on the Leicester and Leicestershire combined authority proposal

Introduction

The city, county and district councils are working on proposals to create a combined authority. A combined authority would not replace individual councils and their current services but would enable them to work more closely together on transport, planning, skills and other key issues affecting the whole area. The combined authority can only be formed if all councils agree and if the Government approves any proposals.

The councils concerned are: Leicester City Council; Leicestershire County Council; Blaby District Council; Charnwood Borough Council; Harborough District Council; Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council; Melton Borough Council; North West Leicestershire District Council; and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council.

We'd like your views on our outline proposal.

All comments we receive during the consultation will be analysed and we will amend the proposals in the light of them. The amended proposals will then be considered by all the above councils. If all councils approve the proposals, we will submit them to the Government. We hope to be able to submit proposals early next year and would then expect a decision from ministers within a year.

Please note: Your responses to the main part of the survey (Q1 to Q7, including your comments) may be released to the general public in full under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any responses to the questions in the 'About you' section of the questionnaire will be held securely and will not be subject to release under Freedom of Information legislation, nor passed on to any third party.

Q1	In what role are you responding to this consultation? Please tick one option only
	Member of the public
	City councillor/ county councillor/ district councillor/ parish councillor*
	City council officer/ county council officer/ district council officer/ parish council officer*
	Business*
	Health sector*
	Emergency services*
	Voluntary sector organisation or charity*
	Other stakeholder organisation*
	Other (please specify below)
	Other (please specify)
Q2	*If you represent a stakeholder, please provide your details:

Name:	
Organisation:	

Are you providing your organisation's official response to the consultation or a personal/professional view? Please tick one option only

Official response

Personal/professional view

Combined authority governance model

Recently we looked at possible governance models to enable economic and transport improvements in the local area. The preliminary findings of the governance review suggest the combined authority is the best governance model for Leicester and Leicestershire.

A combined authority is a legal arrangement which enables councils to work together more closely on issues around transport, planning and economic growth. They can help reduce duplication and bureaucracy. They are created to enable clearer co-ordination and decision-making, to drive forward decisions on transport, economic development and skills, giving local councils a stronger voice in discussions with the Government, neighbouring areas and developers.

There are alternatives to having a combined authority. For example, councils could continue to work together as they are, or set up a joint committee, or an economic prosperity board. However, none of these options give the full benefits of a combined authority and that is why a number of areas are applying to set up combined authorities. These are set out in our governance review.

Q3 To what extent do you agree or disagree that, to enable economic and transport improvements, a combined authority is the best governance model for Leicester and Leicestershire? Please tick <u>one</u> option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Why do you sa	ay this?				

Combined authority functions

Part 2 of the draft scheme sets out the proposed functions of the combined authority. In summary, these are:

<u>Planning:</u> councils could work together to agree a clearer, long-term framework to meet future housing and employment needs for the whole area and identify future growth locations.

<u>Transport</u>: focussing on long-term investment in road, rail and other public transport infrastructure.

<u>Skills:</u> driving improvements in skills and training, to give local people the chance to get better qualifications and employment.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree that these proposed functions are appropriate? Please tick <u>one</u> option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Why do you sa	ay this?				

Existing governance arrangements

The governance review outlines the existing governance arrangements in Leicester and Leicestershire. It is important that these have been recorded correctly to inform our proposals for the way forward.

Q6 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the governance review correctly outlines the existing governance arrangements? Please tick <u>one</u> option only

Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know

Why do you say this? What, if anything, should be changed?

Any other comments

Q7 Do you have any other comments?

About you

Leicestershire County Council is committed to ensuring that its services, policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all sections of the community.

We would therefore be grateful if you would answer the questions below. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

Q8	8 Are you male or female? Please tick <u>one</u> option only				
	Male				
	Female				
Q9	What was your age on your last birthday? (Plea	se enter your age in numbers not words)			
Q10	Q10 What is your full postcode?				
Q11	Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? Please tick one option or				
	Yes				
	No				
Q12	on only				
	White	Black or Black British			
	Mixed	Other ethnic group			
	Asian or Asian British				

Thank you.