**PRELIMINARY OPTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION AT 21ST MARCH 2025**

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| **Proposal from** | **Key boundary changes** | **Number of unitary authorities** | **Areas currently served by** |  |
| [All boroughs, districts and Rutland County Council](https://www.harborough.gov.uk/info/20077/my_council/559/devolution_and_local_government_reorganisation/2) | No change to city boundary  Rutland included within new unitary authority area | 3 | * NW Leicestershire, Charnwood, Melton, Rutland * Hinckley and Bosworth, Blaby, Oadby and Wigston, Harborough * Leicester City following existing boundary |  |
| [Leicestershire County Council](https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/popular-now/one-council-for-leicestershire) | No change to city boundary  Separate Rutland | 3 | * Leicestershire County Council * Rutland County Council * Leicester City following existing boundary | A map with a red and black outline  AI-generated content may be incorrect. |
| [Leicester City Council](https://news.leicester.gov.uk/news-articles/2025/march/city-mayor-proposes-boundary-expansion-amid-council-reorganisation-plans/) | Extended city boundaries to include\*   * all of Oadby and Wigston, * some of Blaby district including Braunstone Town, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East, Blaby, Glenfield, Croft, Whetstone, Narborough, Enderby, Huncote, Thurlaston, Glen Parva, Kilby Lubbesthorpe, Countesthorpe, * some of Charnwood including Birstall, Syston, Anstey, Thurmaston, East Goscote, Barkby, Beeby, Cropston, Wanlip * some of Harborough including Great Glen, Stoughton, Thurnby and Bushby, Scraptoft, Willoughby Waterleys, Wistow   \*Other parishes not included here may be affected | 2 | * Leicester City Council following extended boundary * Rutland County Council and reduced Leicestershire County Council as a combined authority |  |

**SUMMARY OF TIMESCALE**

Leicestershire has not been classed as a priority area for unitary status by the government, therefore the county elections will be taking place as scheduled in May 2025.

Initial proposals have been submitted by the authorities to the government for the deadline of 21st March 2025.

Over the next few months, the authorities will be working on the proposals in more detail and carrying out consultation exercises.

The final proposals then have to be submitted by 28th November 2025.

From January to April 2026 the government is expected to carry out public consultations and is expected to make its decision on Leicestershire by August 2026.

It is thought that the new structure in Leicestershire may be in place around April 2028.