

Appendix 4 - Elections

Elections: potential impact of LGR

The timeline below sets out the potential elections and decision making bodies based on the current plans for devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

	Probable elections	Devolution and LGR timeline	Notes
28 November 2025		Submission deadline for LGR proposals	
Early 2026		Consultation on potential options for LGR	
May 2026	Council elections		These are: Chorley Pendle Rossendale Preston West Lancs Blackburn Burnley Hyndburn
July 2026		Announcement of LGR decision	
Autumn 2026		Joint Committee likely to be required (with representatives appointed from existing councils)	
May 2027	Election to Shadow Authorities Potential election to Lancashire Mayor		Elections to Shadow Authorities are effectively the first (all out) elections for the new authorities. Very likely that the scheduled local government elections will be cancelled (this would affect all the councils other than the county), with terms extended to 31 March 2028
1 April 2028		Vesting Day	Shadow Authority becomes the full council