

REPRESENTATION IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE UNITARY AUTHORITY FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Question	Response
Would you prefer a preparing council and implementation executive model (where geographies align) or a new council model with a joint committee?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a new council with a Joint Committee Cotswold District Council would prefer a preparing council with an Implementation Executive Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government
How many members from each relevant council would you prefer to sit on the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee, including the balance from different councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 12 persons comprised as follows: 6 persons from the County Council 6 persons from the City, Borough, District Councils (1 from each) Stroud District Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 14 persons comprised as follows: 2 persons from each of the County Council, City, Borough, District Councils (2 from each) Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government
Would you prefer for any individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles, and if so, who?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer for individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles and these individuals should be Chair: Leader of the County Council Deputy: Leader of one of the City/District or Borough Councils Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Question	Response
What are your views on any requirement for political balance in the implementation executive/joint committee(s)?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council do not believe there should be a requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not provide a view on the requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government
What would be your preferences for the membership of the Implementation Team and whether roles should be specified?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that there is one Implementation Team comprising officers from county council and chief executives from each of the district councils. The leader of the Implementation Team should be the Chief Executive of the County Council and the deputy leader of the Implementation Team should be one of the Chief Executives from one of the City/District/Borough councils. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government
Who should be the returning officer for the first election to each of the new unitary councils that proposals would see established?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the returning officer should be the Gloucestershire County Council Chief Executive. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Question	Response
Would you prefer the SCO to align future parish council elections with those of the new councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that the SCO aligns future parish council elections with those of the new council. There is an expectation that government will seek a view from Town and Parish Councils as separate legal entities to the seven existing county, city, borough and district councils. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
What are the current legal names of the councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that the current legal names of the councils are: • Cheltenham Borough Council • Cotswold District Council • Forest of Dean District Council • Gloucester City Council • Gloucestershire Couty Council • Stroud District Council • Tewkesbury Borough Council
What would be your preferred name for the new council?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the preferred name for the new council is Gloucestershire Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Question	Response
If different to proposals, has there been any further modelling of your preferred councillors for each new council that you would like the Secretary of State to consider, alongside any information on the rationale for the numbers?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that no further modelling has been undertaken. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
Question for 17 August or before: What are your suggested wards, that reflect the proposal and councillor numbers decided, and that best meet the LGBCE guidance, for inclusion in the SCO?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council suggest that warding is based on existing county council divisions – 55 divisions, 2 members per division making 110 members Gloucester City Council has not provided a response to this question as at the date of submission. Stroud District Council has not provided a response to this question at this time but will respond to this question by the deadline of 17 August 2026. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Additional Question asked of all Gloucestershire Councils

Question	Response
What arrangements are required for the transfer of any civic or ceremonial functions?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council agree that in the event of alternative arrangements not being in place by Vesting Day (i.e. through the creation of town councils) the SCO should establish Charter Trustees to preserve the civic and ceremonial functions of the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Cheltenham. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not raise this question when seeking agreement of their response. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government

REPRESENTATION IN THE CASE OF TWO UNITARY AUTHORITIES FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE (EAST and WEST)

Question	Response
Would you prefer a preparing council and implementation executive model (where geographies align) or a new council model with a joint committee?	The option of a preparing council is only available in the case of one unitary authority

Question	Response	
How many members from each relevant council would you prefer to sit on the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee, including the balance from different councils?	EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a Joint Committee for East Gloucestershire of 12 persons comprised as follows: 6 persons from Gloucestershire County Council each of whom shall be a member for a division within the area for East Gloucestershire 2 persons from Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council Stroud District Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 12 persons comprised as follows: 3 persons from each of Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a Joint Committee for West Gloucestershire of 12 persons comprised as follows: 6 persons from Gloucestershire County Council each of whom shall be a member for a division within the area for West Gloucestershire 2 persons from Gloucester City Council, Forest of Dean Council and Stroud District Council Stroud District Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 12 persons comprised as follows: 3 persons from each of Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucester City Council, Forest of Dean Council and Stroud District Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government

Question	Response	
Would you prefer for any individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles, and if so, who?	EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer for this to be a decision for each Joint Committee but with the principle of the Chair being from either the County or relevant district/borough council with the Deputy Chair being from the opposite tier to that of the selected Chair Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer for this to be a decision for each Joint Committee but with the principle of the Chair being from either the County or relevant district/borough council with the Deputy Chair being from the opposite tier to that of the selected Chair Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
What are your views on any requirement for political balance in the implementation executive/joint committee(s)?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council do not believe there should be a requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not provide a view on the requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	

Question	Response	
What would be your preferences for the membership of the Implementation Team and whether roles should be specified?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that there is one Implementation Team comprising officers from county council and chief executives from each of the district councils. The leader of the Implementation Team should be the Chief Executive of the County Council and there will be two deputy leaders of the Implementation Team one being the Chief Executive of a district/borough/City council within the area of East Gloucestershire and one being the Chief Executive of a district or borough council within the area of West Gloucestershire. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	
Who should be the returning officer for the first election to each of the new unitary councils that proposals would see established?	EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the returning officer should be a Chief Executive from one of the Borough or District Councils within the area of East Gloucestershire Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the returning officer should be a Chief Executive from one of the Borough, District or City Councils within the area of West Gloucestershire Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Question	Response
Would you prefer the SCO to align future parish council elections with those of the new councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that the SCO aligns future parish council elections with those of the new council. There is an expectation that government will seek a view from Town and Parish Councils as separate legal entities to the seven existing county, city, borough and district councils. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
What are the current legal names of the councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that the current legal names of the councils are: • Cheltenham Borough Council • Cotswold District Council • Forest of Dean District Council • Gloucester City Council • Gloucestershire County Council • Stroud District Council • Tewkesbury Borough Council

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What would be your preferred name for the new council?	EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the preferred name for the new council is East Gloucestershire Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the preferred name for the new council is West Gloucestershire Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
If different to proposals, has there been any further modelling of your preferred councillors for each new council that you would like the Secretary of State to consider, alongside any information on the rationale for the numbers?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that no further modelling has been undertaken. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	

Question	Response	
Question for 17 August or before: What are your suggested wards, that reflect the proposal and councillor numbers decided, and that best meet the LGBCE guidance, for inclusion in the SCO?	EAST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council suggest 26 wards, based on existing County Council divisions, each electing 2 councillors (52 in total). Existing division names to be retained. Stroud District Council have not provided a response to this question at this time but will respond to this question by the deadline of 17 August 2026. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council suggest 29 wards, based on existing County Council divisions, each electing 2 councillors (58 in total). Existing division names to be retained. Stroud District Council have not provided a response to this question at this time but will respond to this question by the deadline of 17 August 2026. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Additional Question asked of all Gloucestershire Councils

Question	Response
What arrangements are required for the transfer of any civic or ceremonial functions?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council agree that in the event of alternative arrangements not being in place by Vesting Day (i.e. through the creation of town councils) the SCO should establish Charter Trustees to preserve the civic and ceremonial functions of the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Cheltenham. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not raise this question when seeking agreement of their response. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government

**REPRESENTATION IN THE CASE OF TWO UNITARY AUTHORITIES FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE
(GREATER GLOUCESTER AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE)**

Question	Response
Would you prefer a preparing council and implementation executive model (where geographies align) or a new council model with a joint committee?	The option of a preparing council is only available in the case of one unitary authority

How many members from each relevant council would you prefer to sit on the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee, including the balance from different councils?	GREATER GLOUCESTER Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a Joint Committee for East Gloucestershire of 12 persons comprised as follows: 6 persons from the County Council each of whom shall be a member for a division within the area of Greater Gloucester 3 persons from Gloucester City Council one of whom must be the Leader of the Council 1 person from Forest of Dean Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council Stroud District Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 9 persons comprised as follows: 3 persons from Gloucestershire County Council, 3 persons from Gloucester City Council 1 person from each of Forest of Dean Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer a Joint Committee for West Gloucestershire of 10 persons comprised as follows: 5 persons from the County Council each of whom shall be a member for a division within the area for Gloucestershire persons from Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council Stroud District Council would prefer a Joint Committee of 12 persons comprised as follows: 2 persons from Gloucestershire County Council 2 Persons from each of Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Forest of Dean Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government
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Would you prefer for any individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles, and if so, who?	GREATER GLOUCESTER Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer for individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles and these individuals should be: Chair: Leader of the Gloucester City Council Deputy: Cabinet Member of Gloucestershire County Council representing a ward from within the Greater Gloucester Area Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer for individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles and these individuals should be: Chair: Leader of the County Council (on the basis they represent a ward outside the Greater Gloucester Council area) Deputy: Leader from district/borough council within the Gloucestershire Council area Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
What are your views on any requirement for political balance in the implementation executive/joint committee(s)?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council do not believe there should be a requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not provide a view on the requirement for political balance in the Implementation Executive/Joint Committee. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	

Question	Response	
What would be your preferences for the membership of the Implementation Team and whether roles should be specified?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that there is one Implementation Team comprising officers from county council and chief executives from each of the district councils. The leader of the Implementation Team should be the Chief Executive of the County Council. There should be two deputy leaders – one should be the Chief Executive of Gloucester City Council; the other should be one of the Chief Executives from one of the remaining District/Borough councils. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government	
Who should be the returning officer for the first election to each of the new unitary councils that proposals would see established?	GREATER GLOUCESTER Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the returning officer should be the Chief Executive from Gloucester City Council Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the returning officer should be the Chief Executive of Gloucestershire County Council Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

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Would you prefer the SCO to align future parish council elections with those of the new councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council would prefer that the SCO aligns future parish council elections with those of the new council. There is an expectation that government will seek a view from Town and Parish Councils as separate legal entities to the seven existing county, city, borough and district councils. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
What are the current legal names of the councils?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that the current legal names of the councils are: • Cheltenham Borough Council • Cotswold District Council • Forest of Dean District Council • Gloucester City Council • Gloucestershire County Council • Stroud District Council • Tewkesbury Borough Council Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government and therefore have not confirmed the legal name of Forest of Dean District Council.

Question	Response	
What would be your preferred name for the new council?	GREATER GLOUCESTER Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the preferred name for the new council is Greater Gloucester Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	GLOUCESTERSHIRE Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council agree that the preferred name for the new council is Gloucestershire Council. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.
If different to proposals, has there been any further modelling of your preferred councillors for each new council that you would like the Secretary of State to consider, alongside any information on the rationale for the numbers?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Stroud District Council and Tewkesbury Borough Council confirm that no further modelling has been undertaken. Gloucester City Council is undertaking some further modelling and may submit additional information by separate cover. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	

Question	Response	
Question for 17 August or before: What are your suggested wards, that reflect the proposal and councillor numbers decided, and that best meet the LGBCE guidance, for inclusion in the SCO?	GREATER GLOUCESTER Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Council suggest wards based on 18 existing City Council wards for the surrounding parishes coming in (based on parish council building blocks) Gloucestershire County Council understand that Gloucester City Council is undertaking further work on warding proposals and may make further representations by 17 August deadline. Gloucester City Council have not provided a response to this question as at the date of submission. Stroud District Council have not provided a response to this question at this time but will respond to this question by the deadline of 17 August 2026. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.	GLOUCESTERSHIRE Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council and Tewkesbury Council suggest wards based on County Council divisions, two members per division with one division only having one member as will be split with Greater Gloucester. Gloucestershire County Council understand that Gloucester City Council is undertaking further work on warding proposals and may make further representations by 17 August deadline. Gloucester City Council have not provided a response to this question as at the date of submission. Stroud District Council have not provided a response to this question at this time but will respond to this question by the deadline of 17 August 2026. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government.

Additional Question asked of all Gloucestershire Councils

Question	Response
What arrangements are required for the transfer of any civic or ceremonial functions?	Gloucestershire County Council, Cheltenham Borough Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucester City Council and Stroud District Council agree that in the event of alternative arrangements not being in place by Vesting Day (i.e. through the creation of town councils) the SCO should establish Charter Trustees to preserve the civic and ceremonial functions of the City of Gloucester and the Borough of Cheltenham. Tewkesbury Borough Council did not raise this question when seeking agreement of their response. Forest of Dean Council decided to delay submitting a representation pending further information or clarity from Government