

Local government reorganisation – becoming a unitary authority

4th April 2025, 14.00-15.30

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Agenda

14.00	Welcome, introductions, and purpose of the webinar	Nigel Riglar, Executive Director Place, South Gloucestershire Council
14.05	Government plans for Local Government Reorganisation, the LGA's policy and support offer, and lessons learnt from past LGR	Efa Gough and Claire Hogan, LGA
14.20	<p>Becoming a unitary authority: what do I know now that I wish I had known at the outset? Reflections from some of those who have been through it: what went well, what was challenging, what learning can be shared?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westmorland & Furness • North Yorkshire • North Northamptonshire • Somerset 	<p>Angela Jones, Director Thriving Places</p> <p>Karl Battersby, Corporate Director, Environment</p> <p>Graeme Kane, Assistant Director, Highways Waste & Growth</p> <p>Mickey Green, former Executive Director, Climate and Place</p>
14.50	<p>Discussion – what are the main challenges and opportunities for Place Directors and their teams?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What capacity and support do we need through the transition and establishing integrated place services? • What opportunities are there for service transformation and efficiency savings? • How do we keep a focus on customers and communities through the transition? • What governance issues need to be addressed? • What are the challenges in our main service areas including highways & transport, planning, waste & recycling, housing, environment and climate change? • How is LGR impacted by the timing of the devolution programme and the creation of strategic authorities? 	All
15.20	Summary and next steps	Chair
15.30	Close	

