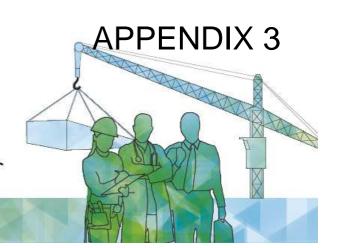
Leicester Leicestershire

Delivering Growth Together



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.

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	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*						
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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 one option only						
	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
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Q5 Are there any other functions that you think should be included in the sci					n the scheme?		
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the way forward. Q6 To what extent do you agree or disagree that the governance review correctly outlines the existing governance arrangements? Please tick one option only						utlines the	
	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?						
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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	Are you male or female? Please tick one option only		
	Male Male		
	Female		
Q9	What was your age on your last birthday? (Please enter your age in numbers not words)		
Q10 What is your full postcode?			
Q11 Do you have a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity? Please tick <u>one</u> option			
	Yes		
	☐ No		
Q12 What is your ethnic group? Please tick one option only		on only	
	White	Black or Black British	
	Mixed	Other ethnic group	
	Asian or Asian British		

Thank you.

Please return by 20th October 2015 to: Combine Authority Consultation, Room 300B, Leicestershire County Council, Have Your Say, FREEPOST NAT18685, Leicester, LE3 8XR. No stamp is required.

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