

## Local Government Reform expected timeline

2018	
May – June	Prepare for Unitary Consultation
June – July	Public consultation
July – August	Finalise proposals to submit to Government
End of August	Proposal submitted to Secretary of State
September – December	Proposal to be considered by Government
December	Government to begin to draft legislation
2019	
January	Draft legislation finalised
February	Draft legislation presented to House of Commons
April	Legislation approved
April	New shadow authorities to form and begin to prepare for Unitary
April – March	Integrate services within new unitary areas
November – January	Budget preparation
2020	
February	Budget setting
April	New unitary authorities come into being
May	Elections

The above is an expected timeline only and may be subject to change once the Parliamentary agenda is set.