

	Review Timetable		
Stage	Task(s)	Timescale	Date(s)
Start	Receipt of application	N/A	17 June 2026
Preparation	Validation of application Desk research and information gathering Preparation of Terms of Reference (ToR)	3 weeks	w/c 22 June 2026 22 June – 3 July 2026 w/c 6 July 2026
	Agreement of ToR at General Purposes Committee (GPC)		13 July 2026
Stage 1	Publication of ToR triggering the start of the review	5 weeks	20 July 2026
	Public consultation – initial submissions are invited		20 July – 24 Aug 2026
Stage 2	Consideration of submissions received Preparation of draft recommendations	7 weeks	25 Aug – 22 Sept 2026
	Approval of draft recommendations at GPC		14 Oct 2026
Stage 3	Publication of draft recommendations marking the start of a second period of public consultation	4 weeks	14 Oct 2026 – 11 Nov 2026
Stage 4	Consideration of submissions received Preparation of final recommendations	9 weeks	12 Nov – 3 Dec 2026
	Final recommendations taken to GPC (to make a recommendation to Full Council)		16 Dec 2026
	Full Council meeting		January 2027 (date TBC)
	Publication of final recommendations – concluding the review	3 weeks	18 Jan 2027
	Making of Reorganisation Order (if approved)		Not later than 29 March 2027
If approved - elections held on 6 May 2027.			