

County Councillor Report July 2025

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And please report any Highways defects via the Fix My Street app or

<https://fixmystreet.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>

For parish councillors & clerk use only via highwayscouncillors@gloucestershire.gov.uk – feel free to copy me in if you'd like to.

1. The current timetable for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) as follows:

28.11.25	Deadline for submission of LGR proposals including a preferred devolution arrangement
Mid 2026	Government LGR Decision
May 2027	Possible shadow elections to new unitary authorities
May 2028	Possible vesting of new councils and abolition of existing councils
Unknown	Election of Regional Mayors

2. Opportunity to implement 20 mph speed limits

Over the summer, GCC will be writing to all parish and town councils as part of a wider review of speed limits across the area. This will include an opportunity for parish councils to submit formal requests for 20mph speed limits or other related Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs).

To ensure all requests are considered consistently and fairly, Highways kindly ask that any proposals be submitted through that upcoming process. Further details will be provided in the correspondence to councils in due course.

If there are roads which the council feel need to be switched to 20mph, the starting point will be establishing the average current speed. This is required to determine whether or not additional speed management will be needed.

3. Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Gloucestershire County Council's summer Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is now open.

Nutritious food and free activities are on offer to help keep children in Gloucestershire happy, healthy, and entertained. Children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals can take part. Gloucestershire County Council is also extending holiday activities to all children in the county through its Holiday Activities Programme (HAP) using grant funding.

Both the HAF and HAP spring programmes run during the summer school holidays which begin on Monday 21 July. Activity dates may vary slightly between schools.

Families are encouraged to visit the new Family Hubs booking system: <https://familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk/> to register for, view and book activities.

4. Meetings

Cabinet 18 June 2025

A recording is available at

https://gloucestershire.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/996056

This includes more detail as listed below:

Public questions on buses.

<https://gloucestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=110205>

Councillor questions on the following:

- Social value
- Inclusion and the prioritisation of high academic attainment
- The absence of figures for the % of unclassified roads where maintenance should be considered.

<https://gloucestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=110206>

Report from Fire Scrutiny Committee

<https://gloucestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=109853>

Fire Scrutiny Committee recommended, unanimously, that the change to the shift pattern for full-time fire fighters be abandoned. This was noted by cabinet and the issue has been referred for arbitration.

Finance, performance and risk monitoring report

<https://gloucestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=109609>

An explanation of the Council's financial position at the end of the financial year 2024/25.

Community and Adult Skills Programme

<https://gloucestershire.moderngov.co.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=109834>

Recommends the investment of £2.7m into Community Learning and Adult Skills Programmes during 2025-2026.

Cabinet- SEND Joint Commissioning Strategy 2025-2030