

County Councillor Report September 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.

County News

County council Children's Services judged 'Good' overall following Ofsted inspection

- Gloucestershire County Council's Children's Services have been judged as 'Good' with some 'Outstanding' elements following its most recent Ofsted inspection. This represents a significant improvement since the last full inspection in 2022.

Gloucester Library

- Gloucester Library will be relocating from its current premises on Brunswick Road to a brand new, state-of-the-art facility at the University of Gloucestershire - City Campus.

Final 'cause for concern' at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service lifted

- Following a visit by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), the final cause for concern around promoting equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) has been lifted.

Buses

- After a long campaign, the Y8 bus service from Yate to Wotton-under-Edge is to be reinstated.

GCC Meetings

- There were no Full Council, Cabinet or Scrutiny meetings held during the month of August. The next Full Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th September.
- I am chairing the Gloucestershire Economic Strategy Scrutiny Committee on Friday 19th September

Consultation on Community 20s and Safer Roads Initiatives

Parishes and towns are being asked to express their interest on two issues:

- Whether they would like any road in their area to be considered for 'Community 20s';
- Whether there are other (higher speed) roads that would benefit from a reduction in speed limit.

Feedback is requested to be returned by 19th September with confirmation of the date and/or meeting at which the matter was considered.

Local Government Reorganisation

- A series of in-person engagement events were held over July and August which provided the opportunity for residents to raise questions and share views on devolution, Local Government Reorganisation, and the future of council services in Gloucestershire directly with councillors. A survey through which residents could share their thoughts on how a unitary council – or councils – should be shaped was also circulated, receiving 3,112 responses. This information will be presented at full council in November where elected members will decide whether to submit a business case for one or for two unitary councils by the deadline in November.
- For the latest updates for Gloucestershire's Local Government Reorganisation, please use the websites:

<https://futuregloucestershire.org.uk/>

<https://gloucestershirecc.sharepoint.com/sites/StaffNet/SitePages/Devolution-information.aspx?locale=en-gb&inPlaceNav=portals>