



GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS FOUR NEW UNITARY COUNCILS FOR LANCASHIRE

The Government has today confirmed its preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation in Lancashire.

From 1 April 2028, Lancashire County Council and the district and borough councils will be replaced by four new unitary authorities, each delivering all local council services.

THE FOUR NEW UNITARY COUNCILS

From 1 April 2028



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR LONGRIDGE

Longridge will become part of the new **North Central Lancashire Unitary Council** alongside Lancaster, Preston and the rest of Ribble Valley.

KEY FACTS

- ✓ Ribble Valley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council will be abolished.
- ✓ There will be no immediate change to services. Existing councils continue to operate while preparations take place.
- ✓ Shadow arrangements will be established throughout 2026 and 2027.
- ✓ Elections to the new unitary councils are expected in May 2027.
- ✓ The new councils will formally take over on 1 April 2028.



Longridge Town Council will continue to operate as your local parish council, representing the community and working with the new unitary authority on local issues.



All areas are shown as a guide to the new council boundaries. Final boundaries will be confirmed in statutory orders.

TIMELINE



July 2026

Government confirms preferred option (announcement made)



2026 – 2027

Shadow arrangements and preparation of new councils



May 2027

Elections to the new unitary councils (expected)



1 April 2028

New unitary councils formally take over all services

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR RESIDENTS



Day-to-day services continue as normal for now.



Council tax and services will be reviewed by the new authority over time.



You will still be able to have your say and influence local decisions.



Longridge Town Council remains your voice at the heart of the community.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will my services change immediately?

A. No. Services will continue to be delivered by your current councils until 1 April 2028.

Q. Will Longridge Town Council be affected?

A. No. Parish and town councils are not part of LGR and will continue to operate.

Q. Will there be a change to council tax?

A. Any changes will be decided by the new unitary council from 1 April 2028.

Q. Where can I find out more?

A. We will keep residents updated on our website and social media as more information is available.