

Reforming Local Government (RLG) – Key Dates / Time Line

2014	
8 July – 1 Oct	RLG White Paper consultation
Aug / Sept	RLG White Paper - stakeholder engagement events
18 Sept	Voluntary mergers - prospectus published
21 Oct – 13 Jan	Public Service Staff Commission White Paper consultation
28 Nov	Voluntary mergers - deadline for expressions of interest (Stage 1)
2015	
By 5 Jan	Voluntary mergers – Welsh Government response (Stage 1)
13 Jan	Public Service Staff Commission White Paper consultation closes
Late Jan	Local Government (Wales) Bill 2015 – introduction into National Assembly
Feb - April	Further RLG White Paper consultation
30 June	Voluntary mergers – deadline for submission of merger proposals (Stage 2)
Nov	Local Government (Wales) Bill 2015 - Royal Assent
By 30 Nov	Voluntary mergers – Welsh Government response to proposals (Stage 2)
Autumn - Spring	Local Government (Wales) Bill 2017 – Consultation
2016	
Jan / Feb	Voluntary mergers – legislative orders introduced into National Assembly (Stage 3)
March	Voluntary mergers – legislative orders made (Stage 3)
May	National Assembly elections Police and Crime Commissioner elections
Autumn	Local Government (Wales) Bill 2017 – introduction into National Assembly
2017	
April	Voluntary mergers – shadow authorities established
May	Elections to continuing authorities (5 year term) and those to be merged under the 2017 Bill (3 year term)
June	Local Government (Wales) Bill 2017 – Royal Assent
2018	
1 April	Voluntary mergers – vesting day for new authorities
May	Elections to authorities merging voluntarily
2019	
May	Elections to authorities merged under the 2017 Bill, operating in shadow form
2020	
1 April	Authorities merged under the 2017 Bill – vesting day
2022	
May	Elections to all authorities