



The Government has issued its feedback on Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's joint interim LGR plan.

It has acknowledged the positive partnership working by the nine councils so far, and encouraged the councils to continue to work together, to shape high-quality and sustainable services that best respond to the needs of residents and provide better value for money.

It recognised that proposals are at an early stage, with further work planned in the run-up to final submissions.

A strong emphasis was placed on providing rationale for populations below or above 500,000, as well as ensuring local engagement planned for the summer will seek to hear views on how new authorities could work with the East Midlands Combined County Authority.

The feedback also included recognition of an additional option, submitted by us as RBC, asking that any additional proposals include comparison to core proposals and how they may better meet criteria.

We are pleased this further option remains possible in the discussions and reiterates its support to scope this further whilst concurrently exploring the other three options.

Now, the feedback from Government will be reviewed in depth, in order to focus and refine next steps, ahead of the Government's 28 November deadline to submit final, much more detailed, proposals.