

These notes indicate the decisions taken at this meeting and the officers responsible for taking the agreed action. For background documentation please refer to the agenda and supporting papers available on the Council's web site (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk.)

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fawcett, Gant, Gregory and Ley.	DLG (A Newman)
2. Declarations of Interest	There were none.	
3. Petitions and Public Address	<p><u>4 Initial Response to Government: Statutory invitation for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution</u></p> <p>Cllr Bethia Thomas – Leader, Vale of White Horse District Council</p> <p>Cllr Andy Graham – Leader, West Oxfordshire District Council</p> <p>Cllr Susan Brown – Leader, Oxford City Council</p> <p>Cllr Ian Middleton</p>	
4. Initial Response to Government: Statutory invitation for Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution <i>Cabinet Member: Leader</i> <i>Forward Plan Ref: 2025/047</i> <i>Contact: Helen Mitchell, Head of Public Affairs and Strategy</i> Helen.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk		

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<p>Report of the Chief Executive Officer</p> <p>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Note the receipt of the statutory invitation received from the Minister of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government on 5 February 2025; Agree to submit to Government the interim plan as set out in Appendix 1 and each option for local government reorganisation set out in Appendix 2 to 4; Agree that Oxfordshire County Council proposes and supports as its optimal model for re-organisation – a single county unitary for Oxfordshire as set out as option 1 in Appendix 2. Agree that as the constituent member of any future Mayoral County Combined Authority, the Cabinet's preferred geography for a Mayoral Strategic Authority is Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire. Endorse the Leader of the Council to correspond with Government, setting out the County Council's position with respect to local government reorganisation and devolution, and to hold meetings with Ministers on such matters in due course. 	<p>Recommendations approved.</p> <p>The Chair of the Council has agreed that this decision is not subject to Scrutiny call-in.</p>	<p>DPAPP (H Mitchell)</p>

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