

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](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk).)

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### **CABINET - THURSDAY, 9 JANUARY 2025**

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<i>RECOMMENDATIONS CONSIDERED</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
<b>1. Apologies for Absence</b>	Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kate Gregory and Dr Nathan Ley.	DLG (A Newman)
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	There were none.	
<b>3. Petitions and Public Address</b>	<p><u>4 Devolution White Paper and Response</u></p> <p>Dan Glazebrook</p> <p>Councillor Susan Brown (Leader - Oxford City Council)</p> <p>Councillor Alex Powell (Oxford City Council)</p> <p>Councillor Bethia Thomas (Leader - Vale of White Horse District Council)</p> <p>Councillor Andy Graham (Leader - West Oxfordshire District Council)</p> <p>Councillor David Rouane (Leader - South Oxfordshire District Council)</p> <p>Councillor David Hingley (Leader – Cherwell District Council)</p> <p>Councillor Ian Middleton</p> <p>Councillor Bob Johnston</p>	

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	<p>Councillor Liz Brighthouse OBE</p> <p>Councillor Eddie Reeves</p>	
<p><b>4. Devolution White Paper and Response</b></p> <p><i>Cabinet Member:</i> Leader  <i>Forward Plan Ref:</i> 2024/375  <i>Contact:</i> Helen Mitchell, Head of Public Affairs and Strategy,  <a href="mailto:helen.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk">helen.mitchell@oxfordshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Report by Chief Executive (CA4).</p> <p><b>The Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Note the publication of the Devolution White Paper and the emerging impacts for Oxfordshire County Council and local government in Oxfordshire;</b></li> <li><b>2. Agree the response to Government for issue by 10 January 2025 (as set out in Appendix 1);</b></li> <li><b>3. Request that Government places Oxfordshire into a ‘fast track’ programme to progress local government reorganisation ambitions first and continue to work with partners on a future Mayoral Strategic Authority;</b></li> <li><b>4. Express to Government the County Council’s significant concerns in postponing ordinary elections in 2025, but that it would accept a</b></li> </ol>	<p>Recommendations approved.</p> <p>This decision is not subject to Scrutiny call-in.</p>	<p>CEO (H Mitchell)</p>

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<b>postponement if it can commit to the most ambitious timescale of elections to a new shadow Council/Councils in May 2026.</b>		
