

# CABINET - FRIDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2025 NOTICE OF DECISIONS PUBLISHED ON 7 NOVEMBER 2025

#### Item

# **Local Government Reorganisation - Submission to Government**

# **Purpose**

To provide a Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) progress update for the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire area.

For Members to review and agree which of the five options to submit to Government by the deadline of 28 November 2025 to reorganise local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough as per the Government's White Paper.

#### Decision

#### AGREED:

- To note the comments of Full Council.
- That whilst not in favour of Local Government Reorganisation, the proposal of the Leader as set out at Appendix 3 of the report which is that Fenland District Council supports Option D Greater Peterborough (Cambridgeshire Fens Unitary Authority) be put forward as the preferred option of Fenland District Council
- To delegate to the Leader and Chief Executive the submission on behalf of the Council to MHCLG regarding electoral arrangements and any other matters for the new Unitary Authorities, with a view to minimising electoral inequality within each new Unitary Authority.

#### **Reason for Decision**

N/A

### **Alternative Options Considered**

Government have invited Councils to make proposals for the future of local government in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. In order to ensure FDC Members are able to influence this process, a submission to government in regards a preferred proposal for Unitary Councils in the area is advised. Therefore alternative options are not available.

#### Interests

N/A

## **Background Documents**

White Paper on English Devolution published on 16 December 2024

English Devolution White Paper: Power and partnership: Foundations for growth - GOV.UK

Council Report: LGR – draft proposals; 14 March 2025

Draft Council report - Local Government Reorganisation - Draft Proposals NA 1.pdf

Cabinet Report: LGR – draft proposals; 14 March 2025

Draft Cabinet report - Local Government Reorganisation - Draft Proposals 1.pdf

Council Minutes; 14 March 2025

Agenda for Council on Friday, 14th March, 2025, 5.30 pm - Fenland District Council

Cabinet Minutes; 14 March 2025

Agenda for Cabinet on Friday, 14th March, 2025, 6.15 pm - Fenland District Council

Council Report: LGR - draft proposals; 21 July 2025

<u>Draft Council report - Local Government Reorganisation - July 2025.pdf</u>

Cabinet Report: LGR – draft proposals; 21 July 2025

Draft Cabinet report - Local Government Reorganisation - July 2025 1.pdf

Council Minutes; 21 July 2025

Agenda for Council on Monday, 21st July, 2025, 4.00 pm - Fenland District Council

Cabinet Minutes; 21 July 2025

Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 21st July, 2025, 5.00 pm - Fenland District Council

Joint engagement with other local councils - Fenland District Council

Overview and Scrutiny; 3 November 2025

Agenda for Overview and Scrutiny Panel on Monday, 3rd November, 2025, 2.30 pm - Fenland District Council

Additional information regarding these decisions is available from

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The 14 November 2025 at 1700 hours is the expiry date for call-in by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel of any of the above decisions. These decisions will come into force and may then be implemented on 17 November 2025, with the exception of any that the Overview and Scrutiny Panel calls in.