

## Key Decision Details

<b>Decision Name</b>	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH
<b>Date of Decision</b>	19 March 2025
<b>Decision maker</b>	Cabinet
<b>Describe the Decision taken</b>	<p>The Cabinet has considered the background to the English Devolution White Paper and its implications for residents of the District and Huntingdonshire District Council.</p> <p>The Cabinet has delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Leader of the Council, to finalise the proposed letter to Government along with other Council Leaders, as the interim submission, to indicate our commitment to work towards achieving a consensus proposal by November 2025. It should be noted, it is the Executive Leader of the Council who will sign this letter.</p>
<b>What were the reasons for taking the Decision?</b>	<p>As set out in the report, it is preferable that Huntingdonshire District Council works in partnership with all other councils across Cambridgeshire &amp; Peterborough to achieve the best possible outcome for our residents.</p>
<b>What alternative options were considered and rejected?</b>	<p>The Council could decide not to sign the letter attached at Appendix 2, and either send its own letter, a letter with a smaller number of Cambridgeshire councils, or not send a letter at all.</p>

It is considered, based on the request detailed in Appendix 1, that the strength of a combined letter is more likely to carry weight with Government. This is because it shows alignment with the specific request to seek to find consensus or local agreement and is demonstrative of the collaboration in place between councils.

**Conflict of interest and dispensation**

**Is the decision a Key Decision?** Yes

**Was the decision included in the Forward Plan** Yes

**Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?** No

**List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker** N/A

**Person Making this report** Michelle Sacks, Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service

**Decision will be effective the day after call-in expires. Call-in expires on**

**Accompanying Documents** Cabinet Report. LGR - Submission to Government Appendix 1 Letter from Minister McMahon dated 5th February 2025 Appendix 2 Proposed letter of submission to Government