

**Summary of the Decisions taken at the meeting
of Council held on 15 December 2014**

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9	<p>Developing the Approach to Joint Working and the Delivery of Local Authority Service Draft Business Case</p> <p>Report of Chief Executive</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>This report presents the draft business case for a shared service and/or confederated approach to joint working and the delivery of local authority services following consideration by the three way Joint Arrangements Steering Group (JASG) on 27 November 2014 and Executive on 15 December 2014.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>1.1 Following endorsement by the Joint Arrangements Steering Group and subject to the feedback of the Executive meeting of 15 December 2014, Members are recommended, subject to South Northamptonshire and Stratford on Avon District Councils resolving in similar terms, to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. Agree an 'in principle' move towards scenarios 2 and/or 4 as set out in the appended business case and its supporting</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That following endorsement by the Cherwell District, South Northamptonshire and Stratford On Avon District Councils Joint Arrangements Steering Group and the Executive meeting of 15 December 2014, subject to South Northamptonshire and Stratford on Avon District Councils resolving in similar terms:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I. That an 'in principle' move towards scenarios 2 and/or 4 as set out in the appended business case and its supporting papers (annex to the minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be agreed.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">II. That it be agreed the appended business case (annex to the minutes as set out in the Minute Book) be used as the basis for public, partner and stakeholder consultation and, subject to the outcome of that consultation not leading Members to a change of view, request that a full and final business case, taking account of the</p>

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	<p>papers.</p> <p>II. Agree that the appended business case is used as the basis for public, partner and stakeholder consultation and, subject to the outcome of that consultation not leading Members to a change of view, request that a full and final business case, taking account of the responses received to this consultation, is brought to the February 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>III. Agree in principle, and subject to consideration of consultation responses, to include all services within the potential scope of joint working (as set out in the appended business case scenarios 2 and 4, section 6), subject to prior approval of individual business cases on a service by service basis</p> <p>IV. Agree in principle, and subject to consideration of any consultation responses, that any moves towards a confederated approach are undertaken on an incremental basis and that the first phase of services considered for inclusion are back office or support services.</p> <p>V. Request that additional tax and pensions advice is sought to ensure that any implementation</p>	<p>responses received to this consultation, be brought to the February 2015 Council meeting.</p> <p>III. That, agreement be given in principle, and subject to consideration of consultation responses, to include all services within the potential scope of joint working (as set out in the appended business case scenarios 2 and 4, section 6 - annex to the minutes as set out in the Minute Book), subject to prior approval of individual business cases on a service by service basis</p> <p>IV. That, agreement be given in principle, and subject to consideration of any consultation responses, that any moves towards a confederated approach be undertaken on an incremental basis and that the first phase of services considered for inclusion be back office or support services.</p> <p>V. That additional tax and pensions advice be sought to ensure that any implementation costs associated with the confederation approach are fully quantified in any final business case.</p> <p>VI. That additional legal advice be sought to prepare governance</p>

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	<p>costs associated with the confederation approach are fully quantified in any final business case.</p> <p>VI. Request that additional legal advice is sought to prepare governance arrangements for scenarios 2 and/or 4. This is to include arrangements such as a shareholders' agreement and exit strategy and the necessary transitional requirements (e.g. steering groups, shadow boards or joint committees) to oversee the establishment of joint working and/or confederation approaches. These proposals should be included as an appendix to any final business case.</p> <p>VII. Request that a full organisational development strategy is developed for adoption to aim to ensure that Members and employees have the requisite skills to operate within a shared service or confederation approach should the final business case be approved.</p>	<p>arrangements for scenarios 2 and/or 4. This is to include arrangements such as a shareholders' agreement and exit strategy and the necessary transitional requirements (e.g. steering groups, shadow boards or joint committees) to oversee the establishment of joint working and/or confederation approaches. These proposals should be included as an appendix to any final business case.</p> <p>VII. That a full organisational development strategy be developed for adoption to aim to ensure that Members and employees have the requisite skills to operate within a shared service or confederation approach should the final business case be approved.</p>

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10	<p>Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2015-16</p> <p>Report of Head of Finance and Procurement</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To enable Council to approve the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2015-16.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To approve the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) for the year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016 as indicated in the report.</p> <p>1.2 To delegate authority to the Council's section 151 officer in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management to determine if any further amendments to the CTRS are required by 31 January 2015.</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the current Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) (annex to the minutes as set put in the Minute Book) be approved for the year 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.</p> <p>(2) That authority be delegated to the Council's section 151 officer, in consultation with the Lead Member for Financial Management, to determine if any further amendments to the CTRS are required by 31 January 2015.</p>
11	<p>Joint Fraud Business Case</p> <p>Report of Director of Resources</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>To inform Council of a decision taken under urgency powers by the Director of Resources.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The meeting is recommended:</p> <p>1.1 To note the decision taking under urgency powers by the Director of Resources in consultation with the chairman</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the decision taking under urgency powers by the Director of Resources in consultation with the Chairman of the Council to include the consideration of the Joint Fraud Service Business Case on the policy framework be noted.</p>

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	of the council to include the consideration of the Joint Fraud Service Business Case on the policy framework.	