

Committee: Special Executive
Date: Monday 15 December 2014
Time: 4.00 pm
Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Barry Wood (Chairman)	Councillor G A Reynolds (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Ken Atack	Councillor Norman Bolster
Councillor John Donaldson	Councillor Michael Gibbard
Councillor Tony Ilott	Councillor Kieron Mallon
Councillor D M Pickford	Councillor Nicholas Turner

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest that they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

4. Developing the approach to Joint Working and the Delivery of Local Authority Service Draft Business Case (Pages 1 - 94)

Report of Chief Executive

Purpose of report

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.

Recommendations

- 1.1 Following a review by the Transformation Joint Working Group and agreement by JASG, it is recommended that Cabinet endorse the attached business case for options to deliver three-way joint working for consideration by Council with the following recommendations.
- 1.2 Members are recommended, subject to South Northamptonshire and Stratford on Avon District Councils resolving in similar terms, to:
 - I. Agree an 'in principle' move towards scenarios 2 and/or 4 as set out in the appended business case and its supporting papers.
 - 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.
 - 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
 - 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.
 - V. Request that additional tax and pensions advice is sought to ensure that any implementation costs associated with the confederation approach are fully quantified in any final business case.
 - VI. Request that additional legal advice is sought to prepare governance arrangements including shareholders' agreement and exit strategy to be included as an appendix to any final business case. These arrangements should also any transitional requirements (e.g. steering groups, joint committees to oversee the establishment of the confederation).
 - 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 confederation approach should the final business case be approved.

5. Exclusion of the Press and Public

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3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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No representations have been received from the public requesting that this item be considered in public.

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6. **Developing the approach to Joint Working and the Delivery of Local Authority Service Draft Business Case - Exempt Appendices** (Pages 95 - 152)

(Meeting scheduled to close at 4.30pm)

Information about this Agenda

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Declarations of Interest

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