



Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Council held on 10 November 2025

Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Decision
5	<p>Local Government Reorganisation - Full Proposal</p> <p>Report of Executive Director of Resources</p> <p>Purpose of report</p> <p>This report summarises the council's Full Proposal for LGR in Oxfordshire which is due to be submitted to the Government on 28 November 2025 subject to Executive approval (Special Executive, 13 November 2025). The Full Proposal makes the case for two unitary councils underpinned by a robust options appraisal and thorough financial analysis. Two unitary councils will help ensure the future of local government in Oxfordshire is cost effective, simplified and strengthened whilst unlocking further devolution for the county. Council is invited to debate the matters within the report and provide comments to Executive for their consideration.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>Full Council is asked to:</p> <p>1.1 Consider the Executive report of 13 November 2025 (attached including the full proposal) and provide any comments for the Executive to consider.</p> <p>1.2 Note that the Executive is asked to approve the Full Proposal for Local Government</p>	<p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That the Executive report of 13 November 2025 be noted and the comments be provided for Executive to consider (a separate supplement to be publish containing comments from Council to Executive).</p> <p>(2) That it be noted that Executive is asked to approve the Full Proposal for Local Government Reorganisation across Oxfordshire at its meeting on 13 November, and in doing so, endorse Option 2: A two-unitary model comprising: One unitary authority covering the boundaries of Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, and Oxford City Council, with the working title 'Oxford & Shires'; and a second unitary authority covering South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, and West Berkshire Council, with the working title 'Ridgeway'.</p>

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	<p>Reorganisation across Oxfordshire at its meeting on 13 November, and in doing so, endorse Option 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A two-unitary model comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One unitary authority covering the boundaries of Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council, and Oxford City Council, with the working title 'Oxford & Shires'. ○ A second unitary authority covering South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, and West Berkshire Council, with the working title 'Ridgeway'. 	