



Committee: Special Executive

Date: Thursday 13 November 2025

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue 39 Castle Quay, Banbury, OX16 5FD

Membership

**Councillor David Hingley
(Chair)**

Councillor Tom Beckett
Councillor Jean Conway
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Rob Pattenden

Councillor Lesley McLean (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Chris Brant
Councillor Nick Cotter
Councillor Robert Parkinson

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chair to report on any requests to address the meeting.

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- A person who is wholly or mainly resident in the area,
- A Council Taxpayer or National Non-Domestic Ratepayer for the area

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4. Chair's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chair.

5. Local Government Reorganisation - Full Proposal (Pages 5 - 468)

Report of Executive Director of Resources

Purpose of report

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. 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.

Recommendations

The Executive resolves to:

- 1.1 To consider the views of Council of 10 November 2025 on the final proposal.
- 1.2 Approve the Council's final proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Oxfordshire of 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'.
 - A second unitary authority covering South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council, and West Berkshire Council, with the working title 'Ridgeway'.
- 1.3 Agree that the Leader submits the final proposal to government by the 28 November 2025 deadline.
- 1.4 Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any final amendments to the full proposal and associated documentation prior to submission.

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