



DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting
of the Executive held on Thursday 13 November 2025**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 14 November 2025
2. Decisions (if any) taken as a matter of urgency under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution (and not therefore subject to the call-in procedure): None, however item 5 of the agenda was debated at Full Council (Special Council, Monday 10 November 2025)
3. Date by which notice of call-in of any of the following decisions must be received in writing by the Chief Executive (see notes below):- N/A
4. Notes:-
 - (a) For background documentation to the following decisions, please refer to the agenda and supporting papers (copies of which are available on the Council's website (www.cherwell.gov.uk) or from Democratic Services);
 - (b) Notice of call-in must be submitted in writing, by email or text to the Chief Executive by the deadline specified above, and must state the reason or reasons why "call-in" has been requested;
 - (c) Call-in can be requested by any five non-executive members of the Council.
 - (d) Decisions not called-in by the deadline specified above will become effective immediately the deadline has expired (unless they are recommendations to the Council).
 - (e) The Council has stipulated that the call-in procedure should not be used to challenge decisions as a matter of course and should be used only when fully justified.

**Shiraz Sheikh
Monitoring Officer**

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| <p>Agenda Item 5 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. 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</p> | <p>Resolved</p> <p>(1) That having given due consideration, the views of Council of 10 November 2025 on the final proposal be noted.</p> <p>(2) That 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 &</p> | <p>This report proposes the submission of a Full Proposal for a two unitary model based on one new unitary council covering the entire existing boundaries of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and West Berkshire Council, with the working title of 'Ridgeway', and a second new unitary council covering the entire existing boundaries of Cherwell and West Oxfordshire District Councils and Oxford City Council, with a working title of 'Oxford & Shires'.</p> | <p>Option 1: Not to submit the Full Proposal. This would be contrary to the direction issued by the Government and therefore not recommended.</p> <p>Option 2: Other options contain the Full Proposal. The other options are set out in the attached Full Proposal and rejected for the reasons provided within.</p> | <p>None</p> |

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| <p>further devolution for the county.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>The Executive resolves to:</p> <p>1.1 To consider the views of Council of 10 November 2025 on the final proposal.</p> <p>1.2 Approve the Council's final proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Oxfordshire of a two-unitary model comprising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One unitary authority covering the boundaries of Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District | <p>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', be approved.</p> <p>(3) That it be agreed that the Leader submits the final proposal to government by the 28 November 2025 deadline.</p> <p>(4) That authority be delegated to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any final</p> | | | |

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| <p>Council, and Oxford City Council, with the working title 'Oxford & Shires'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>1.3 Agree that the Leader submits the final proposal to government by the 28 November 2025 deadline.</p> <p>1.4 Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council,</p> | <p>amendments to the full proposal and associated documentation prior to submission.</p> | | | |

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| to make any final amendments to the full proposal and associated documentation prior to submission. | | | | |