

Appendix G - Government criteria checklist

	Criteria set	Section location for 2UA response
1	A single tier and sensible geography to improve housing supply and outcomes avoiding creating (dis/)advantaged areas	3.3 Making the case for creating unitary councils through LGR 4.2 Options under consideration 4.3 Socio-Economic and Demographics 4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 6.1 The importance of devolution 8.5 Localities working and community empowerment 9.5 Detailed financial case
2	Unitary local government must be the right size to achieve efficiencies, improve capacity and withstand financial shocks	4.2 Options under consideration 4.3 Socio-Economic and Demographics 4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 4.5 Financial comparison of the options 7. Service Delivery and Transformation 8.5 Localities working and community empowerment 9. The Financial Case 9.7 Funding and Financial Sustainability
3	Prioritises the delivery of high quality and sustainable public services to citizens	4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 5.2 How we will help secure better outcomes 7. Service Delivery and Transformation 8.2 Target Operating Model 8.5 Localities working and community empowerment 10.2 Our phased approach
4	Councils work together in coming to a view that meets local needs and is informed by local views	1.1 Joint letter from the Leaders of Cherwell District, South Oxfordshire District, Vale of White Horse District, West Berkshire Unitary and West Oxfordshire District Councils 3.4 Working in partnership 4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 11. Engagement summary
5	New unitary structures must support devolution arrangement	4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 6. Planning for Devolution – Our Growth Offer
6	Enable stronger community engagement and deliver genuine opportunity for neighbourhood empowerment	3.4 Working in partnership 4.4 Analysis against the MHCLG criteria 5.1 Our Proposed Visions 8.2 Target Operating Model 8.4 Future Engagement Model 8.5 Localities working and community empowerment