

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

Decision Sheet from the Meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 16th September, 2025 at 5.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

PRESENT: Councillors A Beales (Chair), P Bland, M de Whalley, S Lintern, J Moriarty, C Morley, S Ring, J Rust and S Squire

OFFICERS:

Kate Blakemore – Chief Executive
Michelle Drewery – Deputy Chief Executive
James Arrandale – Deputy Monitoring Officer
Greg Pearson – LGR Policy Advisor
Charlotte Marriott – Corporate Governance Manager
Mark Parkinson – Chief Operating Officer (remotely)

1 APOLOGIES

There was none.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE

There were none.

4 MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34

None.

5 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES

The Joint Panel at its meeting on 15th September had considered the Final Proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk and supported the Cabinet Recommendations.

6 URGENT BUSINESS - FINAL PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN NORFOLK

RESOLVED: That under Standing Order 7.2, the Final Proposal for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk be considered as Urgent Business at this meeting. It is required to be taken as an urgent

decision due to the requirement to submit the final proposal to the Secretary of State by 26th September 2025.

RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL:

1. Notes the content of this report and the 'Future Norfolk: People, Place, Progress – Final Proposal for a Three-Unitary Model for Local Government Reorganisation in Norfolk' (Final Proposal) annexed to this report.
2. Endorses the Final Proposal for a three-unitary model for local government reorganisation in Norfolk.
3. Delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the authority to make any necessary non-material amendments to the Final Proposal and to submit the Final Proposal to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To respond to the statutory invite from the Secretary of State to submit a final proposal for local government reorganisation in Norfolk.

This proposal offers a compelling and credible pathway to reform that is financially sound, strategically aligned, and rooted in local identity. It positions Norfolk to deliver better outcomes for residents, strengthen democratic leadership, and contribute meaningfully to the Government's wider devolution and public service transformation agenda. It is believed that this proposal has the potential to deliver lasting benefits for communities across Norfolk, and to support a model of governance that is fit for the future.

The meeting closed at 5.50 pm