

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

CABINET DECISION SHEET

**Decision Sheet from the Special Meeting of the Cabinet held on
Wednesday, 19th March, 2025 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

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

Under standing order 34 Councillor A Ware

1 **URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As Norfolk County Councillors Councillor Moriarty and Ring declared non pecuniary interests in the Norfolk LGR report, but pointed out that they were not able to influence the decision taken by the Norfolk County Council Cabinet.

3 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

None

4 **MEMBERS PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor A Ware attended the meeting.

5 **CALLED IN MATTERS**

No matters called in.

6 **FORWARD DECISIONS**

The Forward Decision List was noted.

7 **MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET FROM OTHER BODIES**

The Joint Panels meeting the previous day had considered the report on Local Government Reorganisation and supported the recommendations.

8 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN NORFOLK**

As this decision was deemed urgent and could not be deferred, under standing order 12.15, Councillor Long, the Chair of the Corporate Performance Panel had agreed that this decision could not be called in.

RECOMMENDED: 1) That the content of the Interim Plan for Local Government Re-organisation in Norfolk report (Appendix B to the report) be noted, alongside the report's conclusion that the three unitary model option scored best overall against the government criteria and is therefore the preferred option for Norfolk.

2) That the **three unitary model for LGR be endorsed as this Council's preferred option for submission to MHCLG.**

3) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to finalise and submit the Interim Plan to MHCLG on 21st March 2025 based on the endorsement of recommendation 2 above.

4) That following the submission of the Interim Plan and subject to the feedback received from MHCLG, the council, continue to work with the Norfolk Districts to conduct resident and stakeholder engagement on the LGR proposals for Norfolk to inform the full business case.

5) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, for the development of the full business case for LGR in Norfolk to be returned to full Council for approval prior to submission.

Reason for Decision

To respond to the Governments request that the council work with other local authorities in Norfolk to submit proposals for Local Government Reform in Norfolk by 21 March 2025.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am