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Resources and Place Scrutiny Committee

Monday 10 November 2025 at 6.30pm
in the Council Chamber Council Offices
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To: Councillors Carolyn Culver (Chairman), Ross Mackinnon (Vice-Chairman), Antony Amirtharaj, Jeremy Cottam, Laura Coyle, Erik Pattenden, Christopher Read, Richard Somner and Howard Woollaston

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Paul Dick, Billy Drummond, Alan Macro, David Marsh, Geoff Mayes, Biyi Oloko and Clive Taylor

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- 1 **Apologies for Absence** 1 - 2
To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** 3 - 4
To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' [Code of Conduct](#).
- 3 **Local Government Reorganisation - Full Proposal for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire** 5 - 468
The English Devolution White Paper published on the 16 December 2024, outlined the government's plans to reset the relationship with local and regional government. The government stated that rebuilding and reforming local government would be the foundation of devolution, with a focus on getting the basics right.

On the 5 February, the government wrote to the Leaders of all two-tier councils (the five district councils and the county council) in Oxfordshire. This was a formal invitation to those Leaders to develop a proposal for local government reorganisation and to provide guidance on the development of proposals. The government invited the submission of Interim Plans by 21 March 2025, followed by Full Proposals by 28 November 2025.

On the 10 February, West Berkshire Council received a formal request on behalf of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Councils to consider the option of a new unitary council covering the three areas. That resulted in the development of an Interim Proposal, that was approved by West Berkshire Council's Executive at a meeting on 19 March 2025.



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The government invited the submission of full proposals by the 28 November, and this report proposes the approval by Executive of the Full Proposal, produced at Appendix A, for submission to Government.

Sarah Clarke.

Sarah Clarke
Executive Director - Resources

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