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Extraordinary Executive

Wednesday 12 November 2025 at 6.00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury

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West Berkshire COUNCIL

To:	Councillors Jeff Brooks (Chairman), Patrick Clark, Heather Codling (Vice-Chairman), Iain Cottingham, Nigel Foot, Denise Gaines, Stuart Gourley, Tom McCann, Justin Pemberton and Vicky Poole

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   To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).

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3. **North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan 2025 - 2030 (EX4733)** 9 - 178
   Purpose: to seek approval for adoption of the new North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan 2025-30 for this National Landscape legally referred to as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

4. **Local Government Reorganisation - Full Proposal for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire (EX4717)** 179 - 642
   Purpose: 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 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.

   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.

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