

# Summary of Executive Decisions taken on 12 November 2025

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## Part I

### **North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan 2025 - 2030 (EX4733) (Item 3.)**

Resolved that Executive approve the adoption of the North Wessex Downs National Landscape Management Plan.

*This decision is eligible to be 'called-in'. However, if the decision has not been 'called-in' by 5.00pm on 20 November 2025, then it will be implemented.*

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### **Local Government Reorganisation - Full Proposal for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire (EX4717) (Item 4.)**

Resolved that: Executive

- a) Is informed that since the statutory invitation to all councils in two tier areas, significant work has been undertaken by all Oxfordshire Councils and West Berkshire Council.
  - b) Is informed that there has been significant engagement and collaboration on the development of these proposals by Cherwell District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, West Berkshire Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and the Vale of White Horse District Council.
  - c) Is informed that two other proposals will be submitted, one proposed by Oxfordshire County Council covering the Oxfordshire area (but excluding West Berkshire) and one from Oxford City Council covering the Oxfordshire and West Berkshire area.
  - d) Approves the submission to Government of a full proposal as detailed at Appendix A, for a two unitary model based on one new unitary council covering the entire existing boundaries of South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils and West Berkshire Council, with the working title of 'Ridgeway', and a second new unitary covering the entire existing boundaries of Cherwell and West Oxfordshire District Councils and Oxford City Council, with a working title of 'Oxford & Shires'.
  - e) Subject to recommendation d) being approved, notes that Cherwell District Council, South Oxfordshire District Council, Vale of White Horse District Council and West Oxfordshire District Council will submit the full proposal directly to Government in line with the Oxfordshire invitation letter.
  - f) Delegate to the Executive Director for Resources the authority, with the agreement of the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Community Engagement, Economic Development and Regeneration and Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation, to make changes to the proposal document in Appendix A prior to the submission to Government.
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**If you have any queries regarding these decisions, please contact:**

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*This decision is not subject to call in as:*

- *the item has been considered by a Scrutiny Committee, or Scrutiny Task Group, or has been the subject of a review undertaken by another body within the preceding six months.*
- *the item is due to be referred to Council for final approval.*
- *a delay in implementing the decision this would cause the Council serious financial implications or could compromise the Council's position.*

*therefore it will be implemented immediately.*

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