

Appendix a

Wiltshire County Council

Resolutions of the Extraordinary Meeting - 21 September 2007

1. That the County Council proposes to the DCLG that the relevant order should provide for the following key elements:
 - i) Election to the new council in May 2009 with a recommendation to the Boundary Committee for England that the new council should consist of a minimum of 98 members having single member divisions.
 - ii) Implementation of the change to the new council on 1 April 2009.
 - iii) The name of the council to be 'Wiltshire Council' with the re-branding to be phased in to minimise costs.
 - iv) A transitional Cabinet responsible for preparation for the new council, comprising five members of the County Council's Cabinet (including the Leader as Chairman) and the four Leaders of the District Councils or their nominees, with named members and substitutes for all councils. The terms of reference of the transitional Cabinet to be finalised with DCLG along the lines of paragraph 25 of the report.
 - v) That the transitional Cabinet should operate on the same lines as the County Council's own Cabinet, including meetings in public (subject to the Access to Information Rules), opportunities for the public and County/District Councillors to attend and participate in the debate at the discretion of the Chairman, publication of a future work programme, and opportunities for overview and scrutiny through arrangements to be determined by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee in consultation with the District Councils' Scrutiny groups.
2. That the Chief Executive and Programme Manager should bring a report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Cabinet describing the other opportunities for involvement by Councillors in individual "work streams" of the programme, including those for governance and individual services.
3. That the Chief Executive should ensure full and equal opportunities for Wiltshire County Council and District Council staff to be involved in the transitional arrangements.
4. To authorise the Chief Executive to submit a response to the detailed issues contained within the DCLG consultation paper and to finalise the terms of the implementation order through negotiations with the DCLG, to liaise with the District Council Chief Executives in the process, and to share responses.