

## **Rural Unitary Task Group – Terms of Reference**

Taking account of the experience of existing unitary local authorities which serve large and rural areas of England and Wales;

- 1) To review the proposals for One Council for Wiltshire and associated work, in order to identify policies and issues of particular importance.
- 2) To contribute to policy development for the new authority, with particular reference to:
  - The proposals for Community Area Partnerships, Boards of Councillors, and extensive delegation to area managers;
  - The service areas of development control, leisure, waste and housing;
  - How the promised improved service to local people may be measured and evaluated; and
  - How NWDC's more successful features may be carried forward into the new Council.
- 3) To scrutinise arrangements being put in place for dealing with assets, where appropriate.
- 4) To consider how the four Wiltshire District Councils might co-operate in scrutiny work during the transition period.
- 5) To consider such other issues as arise which are significant for North Wiltshire's contribution to the effective establishment of a unitary council for Wiltshire.
- 6) To make timely recommendations on these questions to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to the Executive and to the Council, bearing in mind the timetable set by the Secretary of State.