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# Report

**Subject** : Wiltshire [Structural Change] Order 2008  
**Report to** : The Council  
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1. **Summary:**

- 1.1. To ratify the appointments to the Implementation Executive made by Council on 18.02.2008
- 1.2. To appoint the Interim Chief Executive as the Proper Officer
- 1.3. To authorise the Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Head of Legal and Property Services to make any changes to the Council's constitution to give effect to the provisions of the Wiltshire [Structural Change] Order 2008

2. **Background:**

- 2.1 The Wiltshire [Structural Change] Order 2008 ["the Structural Order"] was made on 25.02.2008 and came into force on 26.02.2008. It implements Wiltshire County Council's proposal for a single tier of local government in Wiltshire.
- 2.2 The Structural Order states amongst other things that the Implementation Executive ["the IE"] it establishes will consist of two members nominated by our Council. Officers attempted to anticipate this by seeking appointments at Council on 18.02.2008 to the informal IE set up before the Structural Order came into force and any statutory successor to it. Unfortunately Wiltshire County Council is not prepared to accept the validity of appointments made prior to the Structural Order coming into force. Council is asked to ratify the appointments it made on 18.02.2008.
- 2.3 The Structural Order gives power to each of the councils affected by local government reorganisation in Wiltshire to obtain information from any of the others through an appointed Proper Officer. Council is asked to appoint the Interim Chief Executive as the Council's Proper Officer for the purposes of the Structural Order.

3. **Consultation undertaken:**

"Prescribed" internal consultees



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Housing Services  
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**4. Recommendations:**

- Council confirms the appointments of the Leader and the Deputy Leader to the IE
- The interim Chief Executive is appointed as the Council's Proper Officer for the purposes of the Structural Order
- The Head of Democratic Services in consultation with the Head of Legal and Property Services is authorised to make any changes to the Council's constitution to give effect to the provisions of the Structural Order

**5. Background papers:** - None – published papers.

**6. Implications:**

- **Financial** : none identified
- **Legal** : set out in the report
- **Human Rights** : none identified
- **Personnel** : non identified
- **ICT** : none identified
- **Equality and diversity** : none identified
- **Climate change** : none identified
- **Community safety** : none identified
- **Environmental** : none identified
- **Council's core values**: provide excellent service
- **Wards affected** : all