



CABINET REPORT

Report Title	LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE PROPOSED JOINT COMMITTEE – EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS – TERMS OF REFERENCE
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Cabinet Meeting Date:	20 February 2019
Key Decision:	NO
Within Policy:	YES
Policy Document:	NO
Service Area:	Monitoring Officer
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Jonathan Nunn
Ward(s)	ALL

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the establishment of a West Northamptonshire Joint Committee and to agree to the delegation of executive powers which relate to the terms of reference for the proposed joint committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To agree to the delegation of executive functions, in so far as these relate to the proposed terms of reference for the Joint Committee, attached at appendix 1.
- 2.2 Such delegations outlined in 2.1 above to become effective if council approves the establishment of the Joint Committee, outlined in the attached report to Full Council at appendix 1.
- 2.3 To note and recommend to council the establishment of a Joint Committee.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

3.1.1 The background is outlined in the attached report to Full Council at appendix 1.

3.2 Issues

3.2.1 The setting up of a Joint Committee is, legally a matter for the Full Council. However, the proposed terms of reference for the Joint Committee have executive functions which is why Cabinet's authority is being sought to enable the Joint Committee to function effectively.

3.3 Choices (Options)

3.3.1 The choices are listed below:

- a) To agree to the proposed delegation this is the recommended course of action as it will facilitate cohesive and efficient decision making.
- b) Not to agree to the proposed delegation. – This is not recommended as it will require certain decisions within the Terms of Reference to be made outside the Joint Committee and by Cabinet or individual Cabinet members.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

No impact on extant policies.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 These are outlined in the council report appended to this report.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 The proposed terms of reference contain executive functions, so Cabinet are required to agree to delegate its executive powers in so far as they relate to the terms of reference.

4.4 Equality and Health

- 4.4.1 None arise directly from the report. However, any relevant decisions that the Joint Committee makes will need to be fully informed/supported by community impact assessments.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

- 4.5.1 Northampton Borough Council Corporate Management Team; Monitoring Officers for all proposed members of the Joint Committee (Daventry District Council, South Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire County Council)

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

- 4.6.1 The recommendations in this report draw on the joint proposal to the two unitary councils made by this council and others in August 2018.

5. Background Papers

- 5.1 Proposal to MHCLG – unitary councils August 2018

6. Next Steps

- 6.1 The establishment of the Joint Committee as a Full Council function, so the appended report will be presented to Full Council for decision.

Francis Fernandes
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