



DECISION NOTICE (RE-ISSUED) FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS MEETING OF THE CABINETS OF SUFFOLK COASTAL DISTRICT COUNCIL (SCDC) AND WAVENEY DISTRICT COUNCIL (WDC) (THE COUNCILS) HELD ON MONDAY 23 JANUARY 2017

Call-in period:
(NOT APPLICABLE)

Implementation Date:
(NOT APPLICABLE)

(For clarity, where an item is recommended to Council for a decision, this is deemed not to be a formal Executive decision and so the call-in provisions will not apply)

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SIMULTANEOUS CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Cabinet Areas	The Leaders of SCDC and WDC
Title of Report	Further Transformation in East Suffolk
Report Reference	REP1438

Purpose of Report

To consider the recommendation that both Councils (SCDC and WDC) approve the proposal to request that the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government commences the formal merger process to create a new single Council for East Suffolk from 2019.

Reason for Decision

Both Councils are committed to ensuring that East Suffolk is in the best possible position to respond to, and take advantage of, emerging opportunities and challenges. With this in mind one of the planned actions for East Suffolk, as set out in the Joint Business Plan, is to “*Explore the options for further integration between the partner authorities for more streamlined and resilient district services, and evaluate the potential for greater East Suffolk autonomy.*” It is believed that a new single Council for East Suffolk would be small enough to be local, to provide accountable democracy, to understand and enable its communities; but, large enough to make greater investment in growth, housing and infrastructure, and to challenge and lobby even more effectively on behalf of East Suffolk.

SIMULTANEOUS CABINET DECISION:

1. That, having considered the Business Case for the proposals previously (in Reports REP1359 and REP1380), and the public engagement conducted by the Councils, the Cabinet of Suffolk Coastal District Council and the Cabinet of Waveney District Council each
 - (i) approved, again, the proposal to create a new single Council for East Suffolk as their preferred way forward
 - (ii) recommended to their respective Councils that they approve the proposal to create a new single Council for East Suffolk as their preferred way forward and
 - (iii) authorised the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Leaders of the Councils, to submit a written request to the Department of Communities and Local Government to commence the formal process of the merger of the Councils, based on the proposal set out in Appendix A to the report (REP1438)

Declarations of Interest / Conflicts of Interest	None
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Meeting Date	Monday 23 January 2017
Call-In Period	The call-in provisions will not apply to the above recommendation as the final decision is not one for each Cabinet to make. The Simultaneous Cabinets have recommended to their respective Councils that each Council approves the proposal to create a new single Council for East Suffolk as their preferred way forward, and the Waveney District Council will consider this recommendation on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 6.30pm at its offices at Riverside, Lowestoft and Suffolk Coastal District Council will consider this recommendation at its offices at East Suffolk House, Melton, on Thursday 26 January 2017 at 7.00pm.

Implementation Date (If no Call-In activated)	Not applicable
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Councillor R Herring
Leader
Suffolk Coastal District Council

Councillor C Law
Leader
Waveney District Council