

Executive response to recommendations on from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 November 2025 on Local Government Reorganisation

Recommendation	Agreed Y / N?	Comment	Responsible Executive Member
1. Strengthen the focus on addressing the specific challenges faced in rural areas (e.g. mental health, agriculture) within the Two Unitary Authority proposal.	Y	I would like to thank Overview and Scrutiny for their thoughtful, thorough and constructive contribution. They have raised really positive points on how we can further strengthen the two unitary proposal before we submit it to government. Officers have taken notes on the comments raised and I have asked the document is updated to reflect their feedback before it is submitted. Town and Parish Councils are the bedrock of our communities. A fundamental aspect of the two unitary proposal is creating councils that are locally responsive and will work closely with our local councils in future to meet the needs of our communities. We will engage with our town and parish councils over the coming years to support them during the transition period to whatever new structure the government decides.	Councillor Andy Graham, Leader of the Council
2. Strengthen the mentions of the equality aspects (e.g. Housing, Social Care, SEND) within the Two Unitary Authority proposal.	Y		
3. Continue to engage with Town and Parish Councils to clarify the role they will have in the context of LGR and reflect this within the model and strengthen the mention of this within the Two Unitary Authority proposals.	Y		