

To: Council
Date: 24 November 2025
Report of: Chief Executive
Title of Report: Local Government Reorganisation Submission

Summary and recommendations	
Decision being taken:	To note the decision of Cabinet with regards to Oxford City Council's Local Government Reorganisation preferred option submission
Key decision:	No
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Susan Brown, Leader of the Council
Corporate Priority:	Strong, Fair Economy; Thriving Communities
Policy Framework:	No

Recommendation(s): That Council resolves to:
1. Note the decision taken by Cabinet on the 10 November to submit as its preferred option on Local Government Reorganisation, a three unitary council model across Oxfordshire, incorporating West Berkshire, as set out in the Cabinet Report

Appendix No.	Appendix Title	Exempt from Publication
Appendix 1	Cabinet report of 10 November 2025	No

Introduction and background

1. As Council is aware government has issued an invitation for all 2 tier local authority areas in England to submit proposals for Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).
2. As set out in the Appendix, and as recommended by Scrutiny and approved by Cabinet at its meeting on the 10 November, Oxford City Council will submit a

proposal that three unitary authorities are created across the geography of Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. In coming to its decision, Cabinet was also able to review and consider the alternative proposals for one- and two-unitary proposals that have been developed by other councils in Oxfordshire.

3. Council is asked to note the decision to submit the three unitaries proposal.
4. The decision is a matter for Cabinet however it has been considered appropriate to bring this to full Council for noting.

Alternative Options Considered

5. All options on the proposals for submission are outlined in the report at Appendix 1.

Other implications

5. There are no other implications arising from this report to Council. All implications of the decision of Cabinet are outlined within the Appendix 1.

Financial implications

6. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. All implications of the proposals for submission are outlined in Appendix 1.

Legal issues

7. All legal issues are covered within the body of this report and the Appendix 1.

Level of risk

6. There are no risks associated with this recommendation, in relation to the decision of Cabinet they are as outlined in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1.

Equalities impact

8. There are no equalities impact associated with this recommendation, in relation to the decision of Cabinet they are as outlined in the Cabinet report at Appendix 1.

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Background Papers:	
1	Agenda for Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 5 November 2025, 6.00 pm Oxford City Council
2	Agenda for Cabinet on Monday 10 November 2025, 6.00 pm Oxford City Council