

## RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Wednesday, 20 July 2016

**Decision No:** (CAB 16/17 17422)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
SUBJECT:	COMBINED AUTHORITY
AUTHOR:	Dawn Baxendale

### THE DECISION

Having complied with paragraph 15 of the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, Cabinet is recommended to:

- (i) Note the report;
- (ii) Endorse the findings of the Solent Governance Review and its conclusion that in principle a Mayoral Combined Authority is in the best interests of Southampton;
- (iii) Approve, in draft, the Solent Combined Authority Governance Scheme for consultation; and
- (iv) Delegate to the Chief Executive any actions necessary to fulfil the resolutions in this report.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This report is submitted for consideration as a General Exception under paragraph 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the City Council's Constitution, notice having been given to the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Panel and the public.

This report has been brought forward in this timeframe following discussions between the Leaders of Southampton, Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Councils to enable a decision to be made on the Governance Review and draft Governance Scheme and to enable the subsequent commencement of formal consultation with the public over the draft Governance Scheme.

There are significant benefits for Southampton and the wider Solent area in being part of a Combined Authority with the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth. To create this Combined Authority we need to undertake a governance review and approve a Governance scheme. The recommendation enables the City Council to fulfil this requirement. We will then need to consult extensively on the scheme, in conjunction with the other participating councils, and report back to Cabinet with the results of this

consultation.

**DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

To not undertake this process (and hence not propose a Combined Authority).

**OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION**

None.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None.

**CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD**

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Decision Maker:  
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:  
Sandra Coltman

**SCRUTINY**

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 clear days (as set out in the Constitution) from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period

Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in ( <i>if applicable</i> )