RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 7 January 2025

Decision No: (CAB 24/25 47791)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Leader's Portfolio
SUBJECT:	Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation
AUTHOR:	Clare Bull

THE DECISION

(i)   To submit, with the agreement of Hampshire, Isle of Wight, and Portsmouth a joint expression of interest to be included on the priority programme for devolution.

(ii)   To work with Councils across the region to develop proposals that reflect the geography of Unitary authorities across Hampshire and the Solent.

(iii)   To report further to Cabinet and Council as proposals are developed.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Clear intention of Government that all regions will be devolved.
Recognition regionally that devolution is wanted.
Government are clear on timelines and are bound by local election cycles.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

Do nothing. This option had been rejected as Government have made clear their intention to progress devolution. The recent white paper suggests Government will pass a ministerial directive which means that if local areas cannot agree on a new model in time, Government will intervene and implement a new structure.

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:7 January 2025

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY
Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

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 *(if applicable)*