

Report to: Cabinet Meeting - 15 July 2025

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paul Peacock, Strategy Performance and Finance

Director Lead: John Robinson, Chief Executive

Report Summary	
<b>Type of Report</b>	Open Report / Key Decision*
<b>Report Title</b>	Local Government Reorganisation in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	For Cabinet to consider the outcome of the Full Council debate on Local Government Reorganisation and resolve the Council's position on which option to develop as a final proposal(s) for submission to Government in November 2025.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p>That Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) consider the options appraisal and summary document provided by PwC UK (Appendices 1 and 2 to the Full Council report);</li> <li>b) subject to the decision of the Full Council, develop Option 1e as this Council's preferred option for submission as a final proposal to Government by 28 November 2025;</li> <li>c) register as part of the submission, a request for consideration of including the whole of the Newark Parliamentary Constituency within the boundary of the proposed 1e unitary authority, to strengthen community identity and provide for more "sensible" geography;</li> <li>d) ensure the involvement of Town and Parish Councils and other local community and business organisations in the development of the final proposal;</li> <li>e) consider future reports on Local Government Reorganisation as required; and</li> <li>f) delegate the creation of a budget to the Leader of the Council through a Portfolio Holder decision in consultation with the Chair of the Governance, General Purposes and Local Government Re-organisation Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Alternative Options Considered</b>	A detailed options appraisal is contained in the PwC report (Appendices 1 and 2 to the Full Council report).

<b>Reason for Recommendations</b>	To ensure that the Council meets the requirements of the statutory invitation from government to submit a final proposal for local government reorganisation by 28 November 2025.
<b>* Urgency for Key Decision</b>	<p>In accordance with the Committee Procedure Rules, the Leader of the Council has agreed for this additional meeting of Cabinet.</p> <p>Key decisions should be advertised for a minimum of 28 days on the Council's website, but where this is not possible the decision may still be taken if it would be impracticable to defer the decision and the Monitoring Officer has informed the Chairman of the Policy &amp; Performance Improvement Committee in advance in writing that the taking of the decision should not reasonably be deferred and should not be subject to call-in, and copies of that notice are made available to the public and the Council's office and on its website, and at least 5 clear days have elapsed since the Monitoring Officer has complied with these provisions.</p> <p>These provisions within the Constitution have been complied with.</p>

## **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 The report to the earlier meeting of the Full Council is attached as **Appendix A** to this report and sets out in detail the background to local government reorganisation, the latest position, and asked the Council to make recommendations to the Cabinet in respect of progressing a preferred option.
- 1.2 The Cabinet is asked to consider the outcome of Full Council immediately prior to this meeting. As referenced in the report to Full Council at Appendix A, the invitation to submit proposals to the Government is considered to be an executive function, therefore the Cabinet is the appropriate body to take the final decision.

## **2.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

The full report implications are contained within the report to the Full Council at Appendix A.

(Legal Implications Reference - LEG2526/7397)

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Appendices for the Full Council Meeting – 15 July 2025](#)