Forest Heath District Council
Cabinet Decisions Notice
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The following decision was taken by the Cabinet at an extraordinary meeting on **Wednesday 27 September 2017** and, due to reasons provided in the 'Decision' column below, this Cabinet decision **has been exempted from the Call-in procedure.** As provided for under Part 4 of the Constitution under the Overview and Scrutiny Rules, paragraph 14.4, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency.

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Agenda Item and Report No.	Declarations of Interest/ Dispensations Granted	Decision(s) (including recommendations to Council)	Reason(s) for Decision(s)	Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection	Contacts
Item No. 4 CAB/FH/17/045	None	A Single Council for West Suffolk: Business Case RESOLVED: That:- 1. The decision of the Council meeting of 27 September 2017 to submit the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk to the Secretary of State for consideration, as contained in Report No: COU/FH/17/026, be endorsed.	The Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) had confirmed that it would not accept the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk unless it was accompanied with an Executive decision. Further, failure to do so could increase the risk of challenge. To expedite the Secretary of State's consideration, DCLG had indicated it would be helpful for delegated authority to be given to the making of minor amendments to the	No other options have been considered and rejected as the DCLG had confirmed that it would not accept the business case for a single Council for West Suffolk unless it was accompanied with an Executive decision. Further, failure to do so could increase the risk of challenge.	Portfolio Holder: Cllr James Waters 07771 621038 Officer: Ian Gallin Chief Executive 01284 757009

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		2. Delegated authority be given to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to make any minor amendments to the business case as requested by the Secretary of State to obtain his support to the proposal. *(Section 14.4 of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules of the Constitution states that:* *'A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or public interest.'* *This decision is considered to be urgent and in accordance with the aforementioned rules, the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has both agreed that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency, and therefore should be exempt from call-in. This matter had already been reported to Council*	business case.		

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		(see Report No: COU/FH/17/026), together with the reasons for the urgency, which in summary relates to the tight timeframe that is being worked to)			

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