

DECISION NOTICE
CABINET 7 JANUARY 2025

ITEM 10

Devolution and Local Elections 2025

1. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, the Cabinet agreed:

- 1.1** To commit to the Governments Priority Programme for Devolution, enabling the Council to focus on working with neighbouring authorities to develop the devolved strategic authority alongside local government reorganisation
- 1.2** To agree that as a consequence of participation in the Government Devolution Priority Programme the Leader and Chief Executive approve a letter to the Secretary of State asking to postpone local elections to be held on 1 May 2025
- 1.3** That there is agreement between the Council and one or more partner authorities to submit a joint letter to the Secretary of State
- 1.4** To set up a cross party working group to help advise Cabinet on devolution and local government reform if the Council's application to the Secretary of State is approved.