

## NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

### POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 6 JANUARY 2016

Title of report	<b>PROPOSED LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY</b>
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Purpose of report	To provide Policy Development Group with the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Leicester and Leicestershire Combined Authority.
Council Priorities	Business and Jobs Homes and Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	Financial issues are contained within the appended Cabinet and Council reports and an update is set out in the body of this report.
Link to relevant CAT	None.
Risk Management	The appended Cabinet and Council reports address the risks associated with the proposed Combined Authority
Equalities Impact Screening	Not completed.
Human Rights	No discernible impact.
Transformational Government	By working together with the other Leicestershire authorities, we will secure more robust strategic decision making on important cross border issues and will be better positioned to take advantage of future devolution opportunities.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	Report is satisfactory
Comments of Section 151 Officer	Report is satisfactory

Comments of Deputy Monitoring Officer	Report is satisfactory
Consultees	As detailed in the attached Cabinet and Council reports.
Background papers	None
Recommendations	<b>THAT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDES ANY COMMENTS IT MAY HAVE TO THE LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN NEGOTIATING AND FINALISING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY</b>

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Reports on the proposed Leicester and Leicestershire Combined Authority were presented to Cabinet and Council for approval at their meetings of 10 and 17 November 2015, respectively. Policy Development Group is invited to consider these proposals and provide any comments to the Leader and Chief Executive to take into account when implementing the agreed recommendations.

1.2 Further details are included in the attached reports:

- Appendix A Report to Cabinet 10 November 2015, Proposed Leicester and Leicestershire Combined Authority
- Appendix B Report to Council 17 November 2015, Proposed Leicester and Leicestershire Combined Authority

## 2.0 UPDATE

2.1 At the time of drafting this report, all authorities who have considered a report on the proposed Combined Authority have approved the recommendations, with minor local changes in a number of authorities. Two further authorities are due to consider the report week commencing 14 December 2015 and a verbal update as to the progress at these meetings will be provided at meeting of Policy Development Group on 6 January 2016.

2.2 Further discussions have taken place between authorities in relation to the sharing of the costs of the Combined Authority between the constituent authorities. The exact costs of the Combined Authority are to be determined in discussion between the constituent authorities during 2016. In relation to apportionment of costs, the agreement reached is as follows:

- 2.2.1 the costs are to be divided into thirds: one third to be paid by Leicestershire County Council, one third to be paid by Leicester City Council and one third to be paid by the Districts and Boroughs of Leicestershire; and
- 2.2.2 the third to be paid by the Districts and Boroughs shall be split on a per capita basis.