

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TITLE OF THE DECISION :- SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES TO UK GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION PROPOSALS IN GREATER ESSEX AND SUFFOLK							
Date	Decision Maker	Decision	Reason(s) for Decision	Alternative Options Considered	Conflicts of Interest Declared (and Dispensations granted by the Monitoring Officer)	Consultation with relevant Ward Member(s) Yes/No	Subject to Call-in? Yes/No
07/01/2026	Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance, Cllr. Mark Stephenson	To authorise, following the consultation referred to and with the Council's Chief Executive, the submission of responses to the UK Government in response to its statutory consultation on local government reorganisation proposals for Greater Essex (four proposals) and for Suffolk (two proposals) as set out in the attached.	To ensure that the Council's position, seeking to best represent the interests of its residents, businesses and wider society locally, is conveyed to the UK Government and so can be taken into account in its decision making on the proposals for local government reorganisation to be implemented.	The option of not submitting views was considered, as was the option of submitting different views to those approved by virtue of this decision. The fact of submitting views and the particular views approved by this decision were settled upon as best reflecting the position of the Council on the various proposals for Greater Essex and for Suffolk.	None	Not applicable. However, the Leader consulted Cabinet Members on 19/12/2025, the Leaders of the several political groups on the Council on 23/12/2026 and then all Members of the Council on 02/01/2026.	No – On 02/01/2026, the Chairman of the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to exempt this decision in order to allow time for the consultation referred to and then submit the responses ahead of the deadline on 11/01/2026.
URGENT DECISIONS ONLY (If non-urgent go to “Agreement to Decision” below):-							
GENERAL EXCEPTION APPLIES? (Rule 14 Access to Information Procedure Rules)			YES/NO	If yes, has at least 5 clear days notice been given to the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee?			YES/NO
SPECIAL URGENCY APPLIES? (Rule 15 Access to Information Procedure Rules)			YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?			YES/NO
EXEMPTION FROM CALL-IN APPLIES? (Rule 18i Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules)			YES/NO	If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?			YES/NO
URGENT & OUTSIDE BUDGET OR POLICY FRAMEWORK? (Rule 6 Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules)			YES/NO	If yes, why is it not practical to convene a quorate meeting of full Council?			
				If yes, has the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee's consent been obtained?			YES/NO
AGREEMENT TO DECISION:-							
Signed:- Decision Maker – Cllr. Mark Stephenson			Date:-07/01/2026.....		Delegated Power Reference (in Part 3 of the Constitution):- Provision 2(3) and 4.2.2(1) and (3) of Schedule 3 and Minute 53 of the Cabinet Meeting on 12/09/2025 (Resolved item (e))		

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