

**RECORD OF EXERCISE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY OFFICER  
PURSUANT TO REGULATION 13 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
(EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS) (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO  
INFORMATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012 & THE OPENNESS OF  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014**

<u>SUBJECT OF DECISION</u>  To respond to the Government's statutory consultations on Local Government reform.	
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>  DO/103/2026 (TS)	<u>SOURCE OF AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE</u> (i.e. Committee/Constitution/Minute No. etc.  Cabinet 12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 CB58 b):  <i>Delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive Officer to continue to represent and act on behalf of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in all matters relating to Local Government Reform and reorganisation, in consultation with the Leader of the Council.</i>
<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>  <u>20 March 2026</u>	<u>DECISION MAKER</u> (Name and Job Title)    Tom Shardlow, Chief Executive Officer

RECORD OF THE DECISION

a) The issue

The Government launched a statutory consultation on Local Government Reform. NBBC was invited to comment on several submissions, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Warwickshire, Staffordshire, Oxfordshire and Worcestershire. Each region had multiple options – i.e. single or multi unitary councils.

b) The Decision

In consultation with group leaders and the Leader of the Council, NBBC took an approach to all areas outside of Warwickshire, to offer a neutral response (neither agreeing nor disagreeing). And instead offered a summary note which provided the view that the future governance of a region is for the local region to determine.

In Warwickshire, NBBC offered a response that was supportive of the North South unitary model, as per resolution of Council.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

To respond the Governments consultation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED IN MAKING THE DECISION

Not to respond, though this was rejected as it may have been perceived as disengagement.

WARD RELEVANCE

All

FINANCIAL AND BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Non arising.

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN WITH MEMBERS/OFFICERS

Group leaders were emailed to advise of intended approach. No objections received.

Warwickshire submission drafted in consultation with the Leader of Council

ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED BY ANY MEMBER CONSULTED

N/A

<p><u>IN RESPECT OF ANY DECLARED CONFLICT BY A CABINET MEMBER, ANY DISPENSATION GIVEN BY THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE</u> (Note if the decision is a non-executive decision, no dispensation can be given).</p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS (including any Equality Impact Assessment)</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>HEALTH EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>SECTION 17 CRIME &amp; DISORDER IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>SME (SMALL/MEDIUM ENTERPRISES) &amp; LOCAL ECONOMY IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><u>ANY OTHER COMMENTS</u></p> <p>N/A</p>

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