

**NEW SINGLE DISTRICT UNITARY STRUCTURAL CHANGES ORDER**  
**Councillor Angela Macpherson**  
**Leader of the Council**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To receive and respond to the Secretary of State on the content of the draft Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019.

**2 Recommendations/for decision**

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| 2.1 | To note the content of the draft Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019.   |
| 2.2 | To respond, on behalf of the Council, on whether this Council is supportive and gives consent to progressing the proposed arrangements, as detailed in the Order, including for the establishment of a single tier of local government in Buckinghamshire, and the Buckinghamshire Council as Shadow Authority, its transition functions and their discharge. |

**3 Supporting information**

- 3.1 This Special meeting has been called due to the need to comply with a request from the Secretary of State requiring the Councils in Buckinghamshire to give affirmative consent on or before midnight on 10 January, 2019, to the Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Order 2019.
- 3.2 The Chief Executive and Leader of the Council have already been involved in meetings with representatives from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in particular regarding the drafting of the Orders. This is a fast and evolving process. As such, it is not anticipated that the Orders will be available until a few days before the Cabinet meeting. As soon as they are received they will be published in a supplementary agenda and be accessible on the Council's website.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that draft orders will be placed in Parliament in early 2019, which will set out the broad operating rules and arrangements for the new Council, and as part of which a Shadow Authority will be formed shortly after the Orders are given parliamentary consent.

**4 Options considered**

- 4.1 None. It is important to respond to the Secretary of State's request.

**5 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 To ensure that AVDC responds to the request from the Secretary of State on or before midnight on 10 January, 2019.

**6 Resource implications**

- 6.1 Directly related to this report none, transition funds already agreed through Cabinet and Budget setting will consider the wider implications.