



Report For:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Cabinet 11 March 2019
Part:	Part 1 - Open

SUMMARY	
Title of Report:	TRANSITION TO A NEW UNITARY COUNCIL – APPOINTMENTS TO THE SHADOW EXECUTIVE
Cabinet Member: Officer Contact: Direct Dial: Email:	Councillor Ms Katrina Wood Ian Hunt 01494 421208 ian.hunt@wycombe.gov.uk
Wards affected:	All
Reason for the Decision:	To appoint representatives to sit on the Shadow Executive for the new Shadow Council.
Proposed Decision:	That: (i) Councillors Ms K Wood and A R Green be appointed as this Council's representatives to sit on the Shadow Executive for the Shadow Council; and (ii) Councillors D A Johncock and S Broadbent be appointed as this Council's named substitutes for the Shadow Executive for the Shadow Council.
Sustainable Community Strategy/Council Priorities - Implications	The draft Buckinghamshire Structural Changes Order 2019 is due to be laid before Parliament. If passed this will require this authority to nominate two representatives to sit as members of the Shadow Executive. This appointment will only apply in the event that the Order is made and is subject and without prejudice to the legal action. There are currently no health and safety implications.
Monitoring Officer/ S.151 Officer Comments	Monitoring Officer: Implementation of unitary local government in Buckinghamshire by the Secretary of State is contingent upon Parliament having made the Buckinghamshire (Structural Changes) Modification of the Local Government in Public Involvement in Health Act 2007) Regulations 2019. Whilst the Regulations have recently been made, the Council with other Councils is engaged in Judicial Review proceedings challenging the Secretary of State's making of those Regulations; those proceedings are ongoing. The decision herein is therefore made without prejudice to the outcome of the Judicial Review proceedings.

	S.151 Officer: No implications.
Consultees:	N/A
Options:	It is a matter for the Leader and her Cabinet to appoint representatives to sit on the Shadow Executive for the Shadow Council.
Next Steps:	This Council's appointed representatives to sit on the Shadow Executive will be reported to the Proper Officer for the Shadow Council. Once the Structural Changes Order for a new unitary district council for Buckinghamshire has been laid and has then proceeded through the affirmative procedures for Statutory Instruments, the first meeting of the new Shadow Council is required to meet within 14 days of when the Order comes into being. The first Shadow Executive meeting will take place within 21 days of the day the Statutory Instruments are made.
Background Papers:	Cabinet report 9 January 2019
Abbreviations:	MHCLG = Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government SCO = Structural Changes Order

Detailed Report

Brief Summary

At the meeting of Cabinet held on 9 January 2019, Members considered a report on the arrangements for the transition to the new Unitary Authority.

Shadow Executive Representation

The Secretary of State has stated that he intends to lay an Order which will provide for 17 Members on the proposed Shadow Executive, made up of 8 Members from the existing District Councils, 8 from the County Council, plus the existing role of County Council Leader who would be the Chairman of the Shadow Executive.

As there are 4 existing District Councils, this means that each District Council is able to nominate two representatives each to sit on the Shadow Executive.

Wycombe District Council's Nominated Representatives

In line with the above, it is proposed that the Council's representatives to sit on the Shadow Executive shall be Councillors Ms K Wood and A R Green, with Councillors D A Johncock and S Broadbent serving as named substitutes.

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