

Appendix 1

Preferences of West Northamptonshire Steering Group for Structural Changes Order

Issue	Expressed Preference
1. Name for the new unitary authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'West Northamptonshire'.
2. What form of unitary authority? District Council with County Functions, or, County Council with District Functions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'District with County' model.
3. Number of councillors on unitary authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 93 councillors in total (as per the Councils' Joint Proposal)• 3 councillors per each electoral ward.
4. Style and form of governance for shadow authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Leader and Cabinet model for shadow authority.• 'Executive' composition:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 seats Daventry- 4 seats Northampton Borough- 4 seats South Northamptonshire- 6 seats Northamptonshire County.
5. Overview & Scrutiny for the shadow authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek establishment of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
6. Responsibility for convening first meeting of the shadow authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executives to determine.
7. Sharing of costs of the shadow authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (In principle and subject to confirmation from County Council) Costs to be met by councils in proportion to seats on the shadow authority.
8. Number of votes per 'twin hatter'? (on the shadow authority only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 'twin hatter' to have 2 votes.
9. What election cycle for unitary authority? District, County or bespoke?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• District cycle ultimately:<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Elections in 2020 for 4 years term- Elections in 2024 for 3 years term- Elections in 2027 and thereafter as per normal district cycle.• By-elections not to be held before Vesting Day.
10. Preference for Borough status for new unitary authority?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek ability for shadow authority to apply for borough status.

11. 'Section 24 direction' to be applied to councils? (under Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (In principle) Seek a 's.24 direction' (consequential to Structural Changes Order).
12. Government address of significant implementation challenges ("asks")?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seek commitments via Structural Change Order.