



<b>Council</b>	<b>Tuesday, 06 September 2016</b>	<b>Matter for Decision</b>
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**Title:** **Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire (Update)**

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## **1. Introduction**

This report updates Members on the plans to establish a Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire.

## **2. Recommendations**

That the Council agrees that, due to the revised timescale, the progression of the Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire be reported to and considered by the Policy, Finance and Development Committee at its most appropriate meeting during the Autumn Schedule.

## **3. Background**

3.1. Council considered a report at its meeting on 5 December 2015 titled "Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire" and approved the following:

- a. The Scheme for the Combined Authority (the Scheme”);
- b. The Governance Review in relation to the Combined Authority;
- c. The publication of the Scheme and Governance Review and its submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government. The Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, to make any final amendments to the Scheme and Governance Review prior to their submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2015 or January 2016;
- d. The Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader, to enter into discussions with the Department for Communities and Local Government and such other Government departments and other persons as are considered necessary by the Chief Executive to agree the terms of the Order establishing the Combined Authority and to approve the final form of the Order on behalf of the Council;
- e. The Chief Executive, following consultation with the Leader;
- f. To negotiate, agree and execute all ancillary documents in support of the operation of the Combined Authority, including (without limitation) the constitution of the Combined Authority; and to take all decision and actions necessary to enable the establishment of the Combined Authority.

3.2. Progression towards establishing a Combined Authority continues, however due to various external factors, timescales have now been revised.

3.3. Although the Council report of 5 December 2015 gave full delegated authority for the Chief Executive following consultation with the Leader to progress this, both have

always been of the view that key elements should be brought before the wider membership of the Council.

- 3.4. The intention had been that this would take place at this September Council meeting, however due to external factors this is now not possible. On the basis that the next Council meeting is not until December 2016, it is therefore being recommended that members agree that the Policy, Finance and Development Committee take on this responsibility and consider this issue at either its meeting on 20 September or 1 November 2016.

**Background Documents:-**

Report to Council on 5 December 2015 titled "Combined Authority for Leicester and Leicestershire"

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<b>Implications</b>	
<b>Financial (MH)</b>	No significant implications directly arising out of this report.
<b>Legal (MH)</b>	No significant implications directly arising out of this report.
<b>Risk (MH)</b>	No significant implications directly arising out of this report.
<b>Equalities (MH)</b>	No significant implications directly arising out of this report.
	Equality Assessment:- <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable