

## Appendix 1

### Preferences of West Northamptonshire Steering Group for Structural Changes Order

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

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"> <li>• (In principle) Seek a 's.24 direction' (consequential to Structural Changes Order).</li> </ul>
12. Government address of significant implementation challenges ("asks")?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek commitments via Structural Change Order.</li> </ul>