

# CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

## Cabinet

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Governance and Democratic Services
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Notice of Motion – Reunification of Cheshire
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Councillor J P Findlow, Governance

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### 1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider and respond to the following motion which had been moved by Councillor Brendan Murphy and seconded by Councillor Lloyd Roberts at the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and referred to Cabinet for consideration:

*“In the light of the proposed escalation of power for combined city authorities, this Council welcomes the Leader’s proposal for the restoration of a Cheshire-wide authority to ensure the County is not disadvantaged or threatened by city region growth,*

*PROVIDED*

*a. The new Authority consists of elected members appointed “proportionally” by the existing Borough Councils.*

*b. Appropriate powers – such as Strategic Planning, Economic Development et al -are transferred from the Borough Councils to the new Authority*

*c. Given the arrival of Alternative Service Delivery Vehicles, there should be maximum devolution of commissioning powers and freedom of choice for Town and Parish Councils.  
The Cabinet is requested to develop a long term policy as outlined above.”*

### 2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That Cabinet consider how it wishes to respond to the motion.

### 3.0 Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1 In order to comply with the Council’s Constitution.

#### **4.0 Wards Affected**

- 4.1 All Cheshire East Wards are indirectly affected by the proposal contained in the motion.

#### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

- 5.1 All Members are indirectly affected by the proposal contained in the motion.

#### **6.0 Policy Implications**

- 6.1 There is no Council policy relating to the subject-matter of the motion.

#### **7.0 Implications for Rural Communities**

- 7.1 Dependent upon the outcome of this report, there could be implications for rural communities.

#### **8.0 Financial Implications**

- 8.1 The financial implications of the motion are not known.

#### **9.0 Legal Implications**

- 9.1 The Council would need to apply to the Department for Communities and Local Government to exercise its powers under the Localism Act 2011 and/or the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to create one unitary council from the two current authorities.

#### **10.0 Risk Management**

- 10.1 There are no direct risk management implications relating to this matter.

#### **11.0 Background and Options**

- 11.1 This report addresses the issues raised by the motion referred to in paragraph 1.1.
- 11.2 In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Cabinet now needs to consider how it wishes to respond to the Notice of Motion.

#### **12.0 Access to Information**

Other than the minute of the meeting of Council, there are no background papers:

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