

**Warwickshire County Council – Decisions taken by County Council on Tuesday 18 February 2025**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
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**Items considered in public**

<p><b>Item 2</b></p>	<p>Unitary Local Government in Warwickshire</p>	<p>The Labour Government, through the Devolution White Paper, has directed all two-tier Local Authority areas shall become Unitary Councils by 2028. Consultation will be undertaken by the Secretary of State through their department.</p> <p>It is crucial that future Unitary Government is not remote from local communities and engagement with them is embedded within future structures.</p> <p>The County of Warwickshire has a strong heritage and identity which should be preserved and strengthened for future generations.</p> <p>The Council therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Will develop a proposal to Government for unitary local government for Warwickshire which meets the guidance, criteria and time frames set out by Government.</li> <li>2. Seeks to quickly establish clarity from Government regarding the model to be progressed to enable the best use of time and resource.</li> <li>3. Commits to engage with Districts, Boroughs, Towns, Parishes and Communities in developing proposals, both existing and future emerging arrangements.</li> <li>4. Recognises the importance of the boundary and the identity of the County of Warwickshire in any proposals and will work with regional partners.</li> <li>5. Will continue to strive for the economic prosperity of the area even against adverse national headwinds.</li> <li>6. Agrees to establish a cross-party working group to support this work.</li> </ol>
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