

REPORT TITLE: CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO VOLUNTARY OR
FULL JOINT COMMITTEE ARRANGEMENTS

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PURPOSE

Council is asked to confirm appointments made by Cabinet at its meeting on 28 May 2026 to voluntary or full joint committee arrangements that are required between the constituent councils of new unitary authorities.

Predominately, these are regarding the Mid-Hampshire Unitary authority, but also when representation may be required for relevant meetings with the constituent councils of the South East Hampshire Council.

Council is also asked to note that Cabinet granted delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Director (Legal) to agree the terms of reference and any associated procedures of the two voluntary or full joint committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That Council confirms the decision of Cabinet in respect of appointments to the Mid-Hampshire Unitary Authority voluntary and full joint committee, established under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, as follows:

- i. Leader (Councillor Tod)
- ii. Deputy Leader (Councillor Cutler) - deputy

The appointments shall take effect immediately and shall continue for the duration of the committee, unless otherwise determined by Council.

2. That Council confirms the decision of Cabinet in respect of appointments to South-East Hampshire voluntary and full joint committee, as follows:

- i. Deputy Leader (Councillor Cutler)
- ii. Leader (Councillor Tod) - deputy

The appointments shall take effect immediately and shall continue for the duration of the committee, unless otherwise determined by Council.

3. That Council note that authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Director (Legal) to agree the terms of reference and any associated procedures of the two voluntary or full joint committees.

1. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.1 Background

At its meeting on 28 May 2026, Cabinet agreed that the Leader (Councillor Tod) and Deputy Leader (Councillor Cutler) will continue to represent the Council at any relevant meeting on a cross Hampshire or emerging Unitary basis as required.

1.2 Mid-Hampshire Council voluntary and joint committee arrangements

Representation from Winchester City Council is required for any voluntary or full joint committee arrangements between the constituent councils of the emerging Mid-Hampshire Unitary authority.

Accordingly, the Leader (Councillor Tod) and Deputy Leader (Councillor Cutler) were appointed by Cabinet, with Councillor Cutler acting as deputy to Councillor Tod.

1.3 South-East Hampshire Council voluntary and joint committee arrangements

In addition, Cabinet agreed that the Deputy Leader represent Winchester City Council at any relevant meeting with regard to the emerging South-East Council authority.

Accordingly, the Deputy Leader (Councillor Cutler) and Leader (Councillor Tod) were appointed, with Councillor Tod acting as deputy to Councillor Cutler.

1.3 Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Joint Committees will, in all likelihood, follow a common format across Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and Cabinet agreed that the terms of reference and any associated procedures be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Director (Legal).

2. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

To not make appointments for 2026/27. This option was rejected because representation on relevant meetings between the constituent councils and new unitary councils is necessary so to ensure that Winchester City Council has influence over the design, governance and implementation of the future authority, while continuing to represent the interests of its residents.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Previous Committee Reports

[CAB3552 – Annual Appointments to outside bodies 26/27](#)

Other Background Documents

None.