

ADDENDUM TO ITEM 4 - ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER

Recommendation c) of the report has been amended. The full, revised, recommendations are set out below for consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

With reference to the report annexed to this Council report, it is recommended that the County Council agrees and recommends to Cabinet that:

- a) The County Council is committed to the creation of a Combined Authority across the wider region incorporating Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council, in accordance with the expression of interest submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister on 30 August 2024.
- b) The County Council will request to be included in the Devolution Priority Programme (DPP) as a fast track to delivering devolution for our area.
- c) The County Council confirms its commitment to developing proposals for unitary councils across the area to be included in the proposed combined authority for the Solent and Hampshire area.
- d) As a consequence of joining the Devolution Priority Programme the County Council will request to Government a 12 month postponement of the County Council elections due to take place in May 2025 to provide a necessary stable platform on which devolution proposals can progress at pace in 2025 to ensure the benefits of devolution for the area are realised as quickly as possible.