

## **Motion to Extraordinary Meeting of The Council**

This Council notes the forthcoming publication of the Devolution and Recovery White Paper from Government and supports the move to a single Unitary Authority for Hertfordshire

Council instructs officers and the Leader of the Council to work with other authorities and Hertfordshire County Council to achieve this in the shortest possible time frame.

### **Amendment:**

Add “.” after “Government”, delete to the end of the sentence and replace with “It supports the consideration of Unitary options and other alternative arrangements. However, it does not support any particular option as to do so would be premature. It awaits the publication of the White Paper before coming to any conclusions.

It believes that any change to the current local government structure must be carried through in the interests of the residents of North Hertfordshire.”

After “Leader” add “and Deputy Leader”

Delete all after “other authorities” and replace with “to investigate all the options that meet these criteria and to seek the views of residents, so that we are prepared to respond to the White Paper when it is published.

It notes the progress of collaborative working between all the Hertfordshire Districts and Boroughs, the County Council, the Local Enterprise Partnership and MHCLG to achieve the best possible recovery and future investment for the County and reaffirms its support for this work.”

### **Amended Motion would read:**

This Council notes the forthcoming publication of the Devolution and Recovery White Paper from Government. *It supports the consideration of Unitary options and other alternative arrangements. However, it does not support any particular option as to do so would be premature. It awaits the publication of the White Paper before coming to any conclusions.*

*It believes that any change to the current local government structure must be carried through in the interests of the residents of North Hertfordshire.*

Council instructs officers and the Leader *and Deputy Leader* of the Council to work with other authorities *to investigate all the options that meet these criteria and to seek the views of residents, so that we are prepared to respond to the White Paper when it is published.*

*It notes the progress of collaborative working between all the Hertfordshire Districts and Boroughs, the County Council, the Local Enterprise Partnership and MHCLG to achieve the best possible recovery and future investment for the County and reaffirms its support for this work.*

To be moved by: Martin Stears-Handscomb      Seconded by: Paul Clark