

# **Westmorland and Furness Shadow Cabinet Meeting**

**Date: 10 June 2022**

**Title: LGR Programme Status Update Reporting**

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**Wards:** All

**Key Decision:** No

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## **1.0 Purpose/Summary of report**

1.1 This report updates Cabinet Members on the current Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Update Reports (to Mid - May 2022) which are in place to support the Local Government Re-organisation process.

Detail is also included about how the Status Update Reports will be developed as more information becomes available throughout delivery of the programme up to Vesting Day, 1 April 2023.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that the Shadow Cabinet:**

- (1) Notes the report details and key points included in section 3 of this report**
- (2) Notes that Status Update Reports will be presented periodically to keep Cabinet Members informed of programme delivery progress and that the format will be updated as more information becomes available**

## **3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 Status Update Reports have been developed and feed into the Local Government Re-organisation Programme Board periodically (currently 4 weekly cycle). The reports are written by each Themes Programme Manager and are signed off by the chair/sponsor of that theme prior to being presented to the Board and subsequently Shadow Authorities moving forward.

- 3.2 The Programme Management Office are currently developing an updated version of the report which will encompass metrics from each theme's Day 1 Delivery Plan. These plans are being developed during June 2022 with support from the Programme Management Office and will provide detail of planned activity, achieved milestones, issues, and interdependencies, to enable further information to be included in the Status Update Reports in a dashboard style from the beginning August.
- 3.3 The new style of report will also cover assurance reporting from activity undertaken by the Programme Management Office each month, and the intention is to focus on two themes per month, providing support and guidance to the theme which will aid delivery of the programme and highlight any issues that need to be addressed.
- 3.4 The programme overview from the May 2022 status update report, provides information to Mid-May, and is included below and the full report is available at Appendix1:

## Cumbria LGR Programme – Status Report

24 May 2022

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|--------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Overall Summary</b>   |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Cabinet was appointed to both Cumberland and Westmorland &amp; Furness Shadow Authorities on the 17<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>V0.1 Blueprints for Cumberland and Westmorland &amp; Furness were presented to the Board on 11<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>Interdependency workshops complete, Day 1 requirements will be finalised by 31<sup>st</sup> May and delivery plan workbooks complete by 10<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul> |
| <b>RAG / DoT</b>         |   |   |
| <b>Progress</b>          | → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior leadership appointment draft plan due to be presented at the first meeting of the Senior Appointments Committee on 30 May.</li> <li>All interim roles now appointed to</li> <li>Day 1 delivery plan workbooks for all work packages due to be complete by 10<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Finance</b>           | → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key dis-aggregation principles for revenue budgets (to feed into the blueprinting work) developed</li> <li>Work continues on the approach to support the shadow authorities to deliver balanced budgets and MTFPs for 2023/24</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Risks/Issues</b>      | → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme risk workshops underway with the support of Zurich</li> <li>Red risks increasing for Legal &amp; Democratic, Strategic Commissioning, Corporate Estate &amp; Capital Programme, Place and Customer &amp; Digital</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Resource/Capacity</b> | ↑ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully appointed an additional 4 project managers however this still falls short of the requested ask</li> <li>There is a request for 2 additional Support Officers to support Corporate &amp; Enabling Theme</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Stakeholders</b>      | → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PULSE survey results analysed and findings will feed into the HR&amp;OD risk workshop on the 24<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>Successful delivery of election campaign – resulting in good 'reach' and turnout figures</li> <li>Successful support to new member induction process – including development of slides and initial work to start developing and gathering killer 'service' stats for the two new councils</li> </ul>     |

## 4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 The contents of this report respond to a Statutory Instrument which was the subject of consultation by the Government.

## 5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The contents of this report details reporting mechanisms relating to progress of the LGR Programme, whilst there is a choice about how this might take place, the approach described is considered the most effective, efficient, and fitting to local circumstances.

## 6.0 Implications

### Financial, Resources and Procurement

6.1 There are no direct implications associated with this report.

### Human Resources

6.2 There are no direct implications associated with this report.

### Legal

6.3 There are no direct implications associated with this report.

### Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment

6.4 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment? No

6.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: There are no direct implications associated with this report.

### Equality and Diversity.

6.6 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

6.7 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: There are no direct implications associated with this report.

| <b>Risk Management</b>   | <b>Consequence</b>   | <b>Controls required</b>   |
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| There is a need for a co-ordinated approach to reporting LGR Programme delivery progress to ensure effective and efficient management of the programme | Failure to deliver statutory and key services on vesting day | The Implementation team (LGR Programme Board) and officer support arrangements described in this report assist in mitigating this risk |

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## Appendices Attached to this Report

| Appendix No. | Name of Appendix                |
|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1            | Status Update Report (May 2022) |

## Background Documents Available

None

## Appendix 1

24<sup>th</sup> May Programme Status Update Report V4(003)