

Proposed Cabinet response to recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the Publica Transition Plan – Phase 2

Recommendation arising from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 3 March 2025.

Recommendation	Agree (Y / N)	Comment	Responsible Cabinet Member	Lead Officer
1. That consideration be given to what Phase 3 of the Publica Transition may look like in view of local government reorganisation.	Y	A key dependency for any Phase 3 is local government re-organisation. CEOs of the Publica council shareholders will begin to give thought to options concurrently with discussions on local government re-organisation with an options paper to be brought back to Cabinet re: Phase 3.	Cllr Joe Harris, Leader	Andrew Pollard, Programme Director
2. That the Council undertakes an annual review of the Publica Transition.	Y	A key aspect of the Publica Transition was to develop services more focused to locality and so improve performance. It is too early to judge performance at this	Cllr Joe Harris, Leader	Andrew Pollard, Programme Director



		stage, therefore key is to review this in early 2026 when performance data should be available and 12 monthly thereafter.		
3. That consideration is given to wider communications about the Publica Transition to the public and town and parish councils following the pre-election period for the County Council elections.	Y	This presents an opportunity for CDC to explain the rationale for a locality focused service delivery that is aligned to the Council's corporate plan objectives. Following local government elections there is an opportunity for the Council to communicate its goals for delivery of these objectives and how the re-patriation of services is supportive of this . The impact of Local Government Reorganisation and its impact should also be considered.	Cllr Joe Harris, Leader	Andrew Pollard, Programme Director