

Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
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Dear Sir

Proposal for Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire

Further to the invitation of your predecessor on 27 March 2018 to submit a proposal for Local Government Reform in Northamptonshire, we attach our proposal along with background information from PricewaterhouseCoopers (pwc) and Opinion Research Services (ORS). This is submitted on behalf of seven of the eight local authorities in Northamptonshire.

As you are aware, we are submitting this proposal with a degree of reluctance. It is born not from an enthusiasm for this change but from a recognition that Northamptonshire County Council's (NCC's) position is irrecoverable in its current form and that a fundamental change in the structure of local government is inevitable.

Our proposal and pwc's analysis both recognise that NCC's problems cannot and will not be solved by reorganisation alone and that transformation of local government and the wider public sector in the county also needs to take place.

There is an opportunity to create sustainable high quality services across Northamptonshire and to make a significant contribution to the housing and economic growth envisaged for the Oxford - Cambridge corridor. However, our proposal further recognises that this will not be achievable without significant government support.

We look forward to a positive response to this proposal and to an early dialogue with government to discuss how we can work together to address the challenges set out therein.

Yours faithfully

Northamptonshire Council Leaders



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