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Dear colleagues

Your help to shape the future of local government in Norfolk

You may recall that I wrote to you in May about local government reorganisation, inviting you to some events to ensure that the needs and priorities of local people across Norfolk help shape any new local government structure.

I'm very grateful those of you who attended of these sessions, and I understand that there were some really useful discussions.

You provided some very valuable insights on local issues, which you will see are captured in our latest report, which is published today.

Our draft options appraisal report that sets out the findings of a detailed assessment of a range of potential options for unitary structures in Norfolk.

We have studied data and evidence on the pros and cons of one, two or three unitary councils and asked the public what mattered to them about local councils and services. The conclusion of the options appraisal is that the recommended preferred option is one unitary council, covering all of Norfolk. Cabinet will decide whether to proceed with this option at their meeting on 23 June.

You can read the full options appraisal report at <https://norfolkcc.cmis.uk.com/norfolkcc/CalendarofMeetings/tabid/128/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/496/Meeting/2380/Committee/201/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>

A media release summary version is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/news.

Subject to cabinet's approval, we will develop our proposal in more detail, ensuring that a single council has the strongest and most effective links to our communities, including through our work with town and parish councils.

We know the vital role you play and so we are keen to have further engagement with you over the next few months, as we develop our final submission to the Government in September. A successful submission to government will be one that strengthens and supports this role.

I will be back in touch in the next few weeks, with further details of our next round of engagement. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the team at lgfeedback@norfolk.gov.uk .

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom McCabe', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom McCabe
Chief Executive