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Proposition

Without prejudice to the submissions made by Cornwall County Council or the district councils, the Leader and CEO of Cornwall County Council convene an urgent meeting of Leaders and CEOs of all Cornish principal authorities to propose an agreement to submit a joint outline proposition for further discussion with her to the Secretary of State to include:

- 1. The formation of a single public-sector organisation for Cornwall to manage and deliver all public services, including health, education, local government, Police and other services:
- 2. To adopt the three key principles:
- Separate strategy from delivery
- Embed democracy
- Promote subsidiarity
- 3. To establish an elected, strategic, overarching body for Cornwall (and the Isles of Scilly, if it wishes to participate) responsible for strategy, commissioning, budget, performance management, promotion/advocacy.
- 4. To invite the Government to jointly convene a 'working conference' of local authorities, health, education, Police and other public sector delivery bodies serving Cornwall, together with stakeholders, service users, elected members and partners, to formulate an operational, systemic and business plan to establish a number of elected, area-based, service delivery bodies within the single organisation, tailored to the geographical and social needs of Cornwall.
- 5. To agree that elected members of the Overarching Body will be unable to seek election to the area-based delivery bodies, and vice verce.
- 6. To form a delegation agreement with Parish and Town Councils to ensure that services are delivered as close to communities as possible, and that active and positive consultative channels are developed and maintained.
- 7. To consider an enhanced role in governance processes for the Cornwall Strategic Partnership, which may include scrutiny of elected Bodies.
- 8. To invite the Isles of Scilly and the Government to discuss the possible formation of a multi-area agreement with Isles of Scilly
- 9. To jointly develop proposals to establish a Cornwall Development Company (Agency) responsible for driving sustainable and productive economic development for Cornwall (and the Isles of Scilly, if it wishes to participate).
- 10. To submit with the proposal a request for discussions with the Secretary of State, to include a delegated review of electoral boundaries to provide suitable arrangements for democratic representation throughout the new organisation.