

### Responses to MHCLG questions re. East Sussex Structural Changes Order (SCO)

**Q1: Where geographies align, would you prefer a preparing council and implementation executive model or a new council model with a joint committee?**

As our geography aligns we would like a Preparing Council and Implementation Executive.

**Q2: How many members from each relevant council would you prefer to sit on each Joint Committee or implementation executive, including the balance of members from different councils?**

We would like the Implementation Executive to be 7 members: the Leader of each of the six councils in East Sussex with an additional member from the County Council.

**Q3: Would you prefer for any individuals to be specified for the Chair/Deputy Chair roles, and if so, who?**

We would prefer to decide our own Chair/Deputy Chair.

**Q4. What are your views on any requirement for political balance in the implementation executive/joint committee(s)?**

We would prefer no political balance requirements given the make-up requested at Q2 above.

**Q5: What would be your preferences for the membership of the Implementation Team and whether roles should be specified?**

We would prefer the membership of the Implementation Team to comprise the

- ESCC Head of Paid Service (also specified as leader of the team)
- Heads of Paid Service (or nominee) of all the districts and boroughs (with joint CEx of HBC, EBC and LDC specified as deputy leader of the team)
- ESCC Monitoring Officer

- ESCC Chief Finance Officer

We would prefer all other participants and supporting work streams to be determined locally.

**Q6: Who should be the returning officer for the first election to each of the new unitary councils, that proposals would see established?**

We would prefer the ESCC CEx to be the Returning Officer.

**Q7: Would you prefer for any parish council elections to be aligned with elections to the new councils?**

Parish Council elections to be aligned in 2027.

**Q8: What would be your preferred name for the new council?**

Name of the new council to be “East Sussex Council”.