

CHANGING GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS**TIMETABLE/PROJECT PLAN**

Tasks	Timescales
Proposed Next Steps – Cabinet report/recommendations to Council	6 August 2009
Council decision	9 September 2009
Consultation with local government electors and interested parties on both executive models	14 September to 9 October 2009
Evaluation of results of consultation	12 October to 6 November 2009
Report of outcomes to Cabinet/Council including proposals for change based on outcomes and a proposed referendum date	Cabinet 26 November 2009 Council 9 December 2009
Submit proposals for change to Secretary of State	No later than 11 December 2009
Publish local press notice as required by regulation 4 of the 2007 regulations	By no later than 23 December 2009
Publish notice of referendum	No later than twenty fifth day before the referendum date
Publish notice of (referendum) poll	No later than sixth day before the referendum date
Polling Day	11 February 2010
Count for the referendum	12 February 2010
Publish results of referendum	The day of the count
If referendum vote in favour of the proposals, report to Special Council meeting to pass required resolution	No later than 28 days beginning with the referendum date
If referendum vote not in favour of the proposals, publish notice of that fact, indicating that the Council will be continuing to operate its existing arrangements	As soon as practicable after the referendum count
Report to Cabinet on next steps – new proposals for change to be drawn up after further consultation etc	Special Cabinet in March 2010 or 15 April 2010
Council decision	Special Council in March 2010 or 5 May 2010

Tasks	Timescales
Consult with local government electors and interested parties on second/alternative executive model	May 2010 (2 weeks)
Report outcomes of consultation to Cabinet/Council, including new proposals for change	Cabinet – 10 June 2010 Council – 7 July (Special) or 14 July 2010
Submit new proposals for change to Secretary of State	No later than 15 July 2010
Pass resolution at Special Council meeting regarding the new proposals for change	No earlier than 30 September 2010 and no later than 31 December 2010
Operate new executive model (either model agreed after positive referendum vote or alternative (second) executive model following negative referendum vote and further consultation)	No later than 8 May 2011