

Requisition for an Extraordinary Meeting of Council, 21 March 2023: Blueprint Uttlesford

The undersigned request that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council should be convened to enable the Council to discuss what reorganisation plans are proposed under the banner of Blueprint Uttlesford. These plans have not been considered or endorsed by either of the Council's main policy making bodies - the Cabinet or the Full Council - yet the recent budget and Council's Medium-term Financial Strategy (MTFS) has incorporated the concept into the MTFS.

The Council therefore needs clarification from the Administration and Senior Management Team (SMT) on the purpose, direction and status of the reorganisation plans, including but not limited to:

1. The specific goals and objectives of the reorganisation
2. The timeline for completion of the reorganisation
3. The budget allocated for the reorganisation and how it will be spent
4. The impact of the reorganisation on Council staff and services
5. The consultation process with staff, residents, and other stakeholders.

Therefore, we request that the SMT promptly presents the Council at an Extraordinary Council Meeting with a written report covering the above points and any other relevant information not covered above. This report should be presented by the Council Leader and the appropriate Officer. The meeting must include an opportunity for Members of the Council to ask questions and debate the report.

We believe this information and debate is essential for the Council to be accountable to its residents, including any prospective councillors, and to ensure that the service review and reorganisation is carried out in an open and transparent manner.

Signed by

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