

By: Anna Taylor, Scrutiny Research Officer
To: Scrutiny Committee, 29 January 2025
Subject: **25/00002 - English Devolution White Paper - KCC response to Government**

Summary: The Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee have asked that this key decision be placed on the Committee agenda for discussion.

1. Introduction

- a) Following publication of the Government's English Devolution White Paper on 16 December 2024 Members received a briefing ahead of the extraordinary County Council meeting held on 9 January which provided an opportunity for all Members to debate the issue in advance of Cabinet making its decision on the afternoon of 9 January.
 - b) The decision was taken as an urgent decision and was not subject to call-in but the Chairman and Spokespeople of the Scrutiny Committee have placed this item on the agenda for discussion and to receive any further information which might be available by the meeting date.
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2. Recommendation

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to discuss and comment on or note the Urgent Decision taken by Cabinet on 9 January 2025.

3. Attached documents

- a) Appendix A - 25/00002 – English Devolution Urgent Record of Decision
- b) Appendix B - 25/00002 – EqIA
- c) Appendix C - Report to County Council – English Devolution White Paper

4. Background documents

- a) [Agenda for County Council on Thursday, 9th January, 2025, 10.00 am](#)
- b) [Agenda for Cabinet on Thursday, 9th January, 2025, 2.00 pm](#)

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