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To: **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Cabinet Committee
– 3 November 2025**

Subject: Interim report on KCC's public survey on LGR

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Summary:

This report presents the interim findings from the public survey of residents on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

Due to the timing of the cabinet committee paper submission deadline in relation to the survey fieldwork period, this report is based on partial results collected between Tuesday 30th September and Tuesday 14th October 2025. The survey closes on Sunday 26th October 2025, after which the full results will be analysed and a final report produced.

These interim results provide insight into the opinions and priorities of residents in relation to LGR.

Recommendation:

The Cabinet Committee is asked to:

- (1) **Note** the views expressed by the respondents of the survey and that they will be included in KCC's final business case to Government.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Government has asked Kent councils to submit proposals for local government reorganisation (LGR), with the aim of simplifying the current two-tier system and potentially creating larger unitary authorities. The LGR Resident Survey was commissioned to ensure residents' views are included.
- 1.2. This interim report summarises responses from the first 14 days of fieldwork, with 1,652 residents participating from across Kent and Medway.

2. Key Findings

- 2.1. The interim results from the survey are both summarised and explored in detail in the report included as an appendix to this paper. Further details on methodology, response numbers and demographic data are also included.

3. Next Steps

- 3.1. The survey closes on Sunday 26th October.
 - 3.2. The final results will be analysed and a final report will be produced to be included as supplementary evidence alongside the business case.
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4. Recommendations

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