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## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2003

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### EX.193/03 REGIONAL GOVERNMENT - DRAFT SUBMISSION TO THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE

#### Subject Matter

To consider a report from Dr Gooding, Executive Director, (CE.15/03) which was tabled at the meeting setting out, for the Executive's consideration, an updated draft submission to the Boundary Committee.

Members had also received a presentation on a report commissioned by the Executive from the Northumbria University's Centre for Regional Economic Development (CRED) entitled "Local Government in Cumbria - Evaluating the Three Unitary Authority Option."

The CRED representatives answered Members' questions on the presentation.

The Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that a similar presentation had been made to an Overview and Scrutiny Workshop on 26 August 2003 when requests for certain additional information had been requested. It had been agreed that CRED would produce an Appendix to their report on these issues.

The Executive asked Professor Peck to include in the Appendix the reasons CRED consider a Carlisle and Eden Unitary Authority to be viable as their report summary was unclear on this point.

Notes from an Overview and Scrutiny Workshop held on 26 August 2003 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

The Executive gave consideration to the findings of the CRED research, the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Workshop and the updated draft submission.

The final content of the submission to the Boundary Committee would be agreed by the City Council at a special meeting on 4 September 2003.

Members noted that five of the six District Councils in Cumbria were preparing submissions based on the Three Unitary Authority option and that the CRED research supported the basis for this option as being viable. The Executive believed that there was a sound basis for recommending to the City Council a submission for a Carlisle and Eden Unitary Authority.

## **DECISION**

1. That the Executive recommend to the City Council -

(a) that the updated submission be endorsed as the City Council's final submission to the Boundary Committee confirming that Carlisle City Council wishes to see a Carlisle and Eden Unitary Authority.

(b) that the submission be made in a co-ordinated way with five District Councils in Cumbria.

2. That the Executive place on record its appreciation for the work undertaken by Dr Gooding and all staff involved in the production of the draft submission document.

### **Reasons for Decision**

To make a recommendation to the City Council on the content of the City Council's submission to the Boundary Committee.

### **Summary of Options Rejected**

None