

**BOUNDARY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES IN  
NORFOLK SUFFOLK AND DEVON**

**REVIEW TO TEST WHETHER AFFORDABILITY CRITERIA  
ARE MET**

**Certification by S 151 officer**

<b>Title of Unitary Submission</b>	<b>Devon Two Unitary</b>
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'I have provided base data as required relating to my authority for the completion of the *specified* data collection workbook, and I have checked the base data already included in that workbook, and I am satisfied that these have been properly incorporated.

I have been consulted on relevant issues in the calculation of the figures for the transitional plan shown in the data collection workbook where they affect my authority, and find the figures to be not unreasonable.'

(If the figures were found to be unreasonable, then a comment as to which figures and why should be provided in the box below)

*Please provide details here or cross reference to a supporting document*

I am satisfied that our base data has been properly incorporated and that I have been properly consulted on relevant issues.

However I have concerns about the overall financial case as presented in the workbook. In particular the £3.2 million per annum that have been identified as service diseconomies of scale appear to be excessive. The impact of these additional costs (£12.8 million over the first 4 years) is very significant both in terms of the overall net expenditure reduction and the payback period calculated for this option (4 years 11 months). I have been advised that the diseconomies of scale relate to senior management and specialist posts. I have asked for a breakdown to show exactly what posts have been included in this calculation. To date I have not received this additional information.

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