

<b>Meeting Type: Full Council</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 16</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: Wednesday, 12th March 2025</b>	

## OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL

<b>Report Authors:</b> Cllr Paul Ainsley & Martin Brookes	<b>Subject:</b> Save Rutland Campaign
<b>Title:</b> Proposal to Support the Save Rutland Campaign (#SaveRutland)	
<b>Strategic Aims:</b> Save Rutlands Ceremonial Status	
<p><b>Detail: Oakham Town Council proposes to formally support the Save Rutland Campaign, which aims to preserve Rutland's unique identity and ceremonial county status amidst proposals to create larger unitary councils.</b></p>	
<p><b>Proposal:</b></p> <p><b>A. Formal Statement:</b> The Chairman of Oakham Town Council, on behalf of the Council, will issue a formal statement supporting the Save Rutland Campaign. This statement will highlight the Council's commitment to preserving Rutland's identity and emphasise the importance of its ceremonial county status.</p> <p><b>B. Public Engagement:</b> Oakham Town Council will engage with the local community to raise awareness about the Save Rutland Campaign. This will include hosting public meetings, distributing informative materials, and encouraging residents to sign the campaign petition.</p> <p><b>C. Petition Support:</b> Oakham Town Council will support the collection and submission of signatures for the Save Rutland Campaign petition. The petition will be presented to Parliament to demonstrate the strong support from Oakham and Rutland residents and local authorities for maintaining the county's ceremonial status.</p> <p><b>D. Collaboration:</b> Oakham Town Council will collaborate with other local authorities and community organisations to advocate for the preservation of Rutland's ceremonial county status. This will involve coordinating efforts, sharing resources, and presenting a united front in discussions with government officials.</p> <p><b>E. Ongoing Advocacy:</b> Oakham Town Council will continue to advocate for Rutland's identity and ceremonial county status beyond the initial campaign efforts. This will include staying informed about related policy developments and actively participating in discussions and initiatives that impact Rutland's future</p> <p><b>F. Banners:</b> Oakham Town Council will display suitable banners (see opposite) to support the #Save Rutland Campaign at Centenary Field, Barleythorpe Road, and across the High Street by the Mill Street roundabout.</p> <p><b>G. Budget:</b> We are anticipating the banners being sponsored by a local business. However, discussions are still ongoing. As a backstop a maximum budget of £1600 will be necessary, although we are not anticipating using any or all of it.</p>	



For completion by the office

<b>Budget Header:</b>	General Reserves				
<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>£1600</b>	<b>Initial Budget</b>		<b>Unbilled Expenditure</b>	
<b>Budget Remaining</b>		<b>Time Sensitive (Y/N)</b>		<b>Expiry Date</b>	