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Councillors have approved plans to share a chief executive between Peterborough City and Cambridgeshire County Councils on a temporary basis.

At a full council meeting on Wednesday evening (14 October 2015) councillors backed plans which will see Gillian Beasley take on the role for both authorities.

Cambridgeshire County councillors voted unanimously to approve proposals at a meeting held on Tuesday (13 October).

This is the first shared chief executive role between unitary and county authorities nationally and will be in place for an initial period of 12 months. Gillian Beasley will begin the new role on Monday 19 October.



The appointment follows the resignation of Cambridgeshire County Council's chief executive, Mark Lloyd. Mr Lloyd is taking up the position of chief executive for the Local Government Association.

Councillor John Holdich, Leader of Peterborough City Council, said: "Following the initial approach from the county council it was important to explore what could be gained from such an arrangement for both authorities.

"I believe a shared chief executive will give our city and the county a stronger voice nationally to promote economic development in the area, as well as creating greater opportunities for jointly commissioned services and sharing of best practice between the two authorities.

"This shared arrangement is only possible because we have such an experienced and capable chief executive."

The arrangement will save Peterborough City Council £110,000 per year.

Further details are available from [the meeting agenda \(http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MIId=3562\)](http://democracy.peterborough.gov.uk/ielistDocuments.aspx?CId=139&MIId=3562).