



COUNTY COUNCILLORS ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the **BUSINESS MEETING** of the **NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at County Hall, Northampton, on Thursday 19 March 2020 at 10.30am for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

Please note: that the timings for agenda items are only indicative.

The meeting will be preceded by a reflection for the day from Mrs Sally Jones, Chief Executive of Northamptonshire Young Carers Association.

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| 1. 10.30 | Apologies received from Councillors for inability to attend the meeting. | |
| 2. 10.35 | To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2020 | Pack 1 9-22 |
| 3. 10.35 | Notification of requests by members of the public to address the meeting | |
| 4. 10.40 | Declarations of Interest by Councillors Northamptonshire County Council takes seriously any breach of the Code of Conduct. Councillors need only declare an interest that has not been recorded in the register of interests. Any councillor who declares such an interest must remove him or herself for the whole of the item. Councillors are asked to declare: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the item number in which they have an interest;• the nature of the interest; and• whether it is a discloseable pecuniary interest or non-statutory interest. | |
| 5. 10.40 | Chairman's Announcements | |
| 6. 10.50 | Petitions To receive petitions notified under Council Procedure Rule 25 | |

7. **Opposition Priority Business**

10.55

(Please note that, in accordance with the Council Procedure Rule 11.5, if after a period of three hours from the commencement of the meeting, consideration of this item has not begun, it will be taken next after the conclusion of the item of business under discussion)

Motion submitted by Councillor Danielle Stone:

“This council recognises that well-resourced youth work in Northamptonshire will deliver many benefits.

It will:-

- *provide meaningful and enriching activities for young people*
- *provide jobs and career pathways for youth workers*
- *deflect young people from gangs and criminal activity*
- *support the mental health and well-being of our youth*
- *enable young people to develop a voice and contribute to our future prosperity*

In our work on transitions and transformation we need to also have a focus on youth, to develop our understanding of what young people need, to work with them to identify gaps in provision, to work in partnership with the voluntary sector, to make sure those needs are met.

To this end we agree to support the campaigns for more youth services across the county, a Youth Centre for Northampton, and youth forums for each of the two new unitary councils.”

8. **Business Items (including Budget & Policy Framework Items, Appointments & Annual Reports)**

11.40

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| (a) | Annual Report by the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) <i>Report by the Director for Children’s Services (enclosed)</i> | 23-40 |
| (b) | Council Pay Policy <i>Report by the Director of HR (enclosed)</i> | 41-62 |
| (c) | Local Government Reorganisation: Changes to the Schedule of Committee Meetings <i>Report by the Monitoring Officer (enclosed)</i> | 63-68 |
| (d) | Amendments to the Constitution <i>Report by the Monitoring Officer (enclosed)</i> | 69-82 |
| (e) | Appointment of new arrangements to the Anglian (Great Ouse) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee <i>Report by the Monitoring Officer (enclosed)</i> | 83-89 |
| (f) | New Capital Scheme Approvals <i>Report by the Executive Director of Finance (enclosed)</i> | 91-94 |

(g) Climate Change, Carbon Management and the Environment Pack 2
Report by the Director of Place and Commercial (enclosed) 3-56

13.00 LUNCH

9. Questions, if any, to the **Chairman of the Audit Committee**
14.00 relating to the work of the Audit Committee since the last
ordinary meeting. Minutes of relevant meetings of the Audit
Committee are enclosed for this purpose

(a) 26 September 2019 57-64
(b) 28 November 2019 65-71

10. **Cabinet Business** *(to follow)*
14.20 *(Under Rule 10.1 of the Constitution this item is limited to 30
minutes)*

Report from the Leader of the Council and questions, if any, to
the Leader and Cabinet Members: Following the presentation
of the report, Councillors will have the opportunity to ask
questions on the report. Questions submitted on notice under
rule 10.2 will then be put.

Cabinet Decision Notes:

(a) 17 December 2019 72-76
(b) 14 January 2020 77-80
(c) 11 February 2020 81-90

11. **Scrutiny Business**
14.50 *(Under Rule 10.1 of the Constitution this item is limited to 30
minutes)* 90-92

Report from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny
Committee and questions if any. Following the presentation of
the report, Councillors will have the opportunity to ask
questions on the report. Questions submitted on notice under
rule 10.2 will then be put.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Decision Notes:

(a) Meeting on 27 November 2019 93-94
(b) Meeting on 18 December 2019 95-96
(c) Meeting on 29 January 2020 97
(d) Meeting on 26 February 2020 98-100

12. **Motions submitted by Councillors under rule 13.1:**

15.20

Motion submitted by Councillor Anjona Roy:

“Northamptonshire County Council welcomes the commitment of the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats and the Green Party to abolish SATs and other high-stakes testing in primary schools.

It notes that:

- 1. Statutory testing in primary schools has increased since 2010 and is increasing further: by 2020, children will be tested in Reception (the Baseline Assessment), year 1 (the Phonics Screening Check), year 2 (SATs), year 4 (the Multiplication Tables Check) and year 6 (SATs).*
- 2. The pressures of statutory assessment contribute to the crisis of teacher morale, workload, recruitment and retention; making it difficult for schools to retain staff.*
- 3. Tests are focussed on the requirements of school accountability rather than on support for children’s learning.*
- 4. The pressures of testing in primary schools have a detrimental effect on children’s mental health.*
- 5. Educational research has demonstrated repeatedly that teaching to the test narrows the curriculum and the educational experience of children, focussing on labelling not learning.*
- 6. The National Education Union is campaigning to abolish high-stakes primary testing and to halt the introduction of the Reception Baseline Assessment in September 2020.*

This council believes that campaigning, by those who work in primary schools, parents and academics, to end the current high-stakes system of primary assessment should be welcomed, in particular the More Than a Score campaign.

It resolves:

- 1. To express its support for campaigns against the current system of primary assessment, including those organised by teacher unions and More Than a Score.*
- 2. To write to the Secretary of State for Education to listen to the growing number of voices who are calling for the abolition of high stakes testing in primary schools.*
- 3. To call a meeting of trade unions, parents and school governors to discuss the council’s position on these matters and to co-ordinate a response.*
- 4. To offer support to schools within the area which adopt an alternative approach to assessment (for example by taking the More Than a Score pledge)”*

14. Exempt Items

In respect of the following items the Chairman may move the resolution set out below on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of the Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them”

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Report by the Executive Director of Finance (enclosed)

**Exempt
papers**

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