

#### To members of the North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority:

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Dear Councillor,

Meeting:	North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Date:	Thursday, 17 September 2020
Time:	7:00 pm
Venue:	Virtual meeting

Members of the North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority are summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed on the agenda appended to this summons.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Elliott, Interim Head of Paid Service, North Northamptonshire Shadow Authority

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# Proper Officer, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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# Agenda for the meeting of the North Northamptonshire Shadow Authoirty taking place at 7.00pm, Thursday 17 September 2020.

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01	To note apologies for non-attendance		
02	Members' Declarations of Interest		
03	Minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2020		
	Only matters relating to the accuracy of the minutes may be raised.		
04	Questions from the Public in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 11B		
	To be received by the Interim Monitoring Officer by 5:00 pm, Monday 14 September 2020.		
05	Questions from Members in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 11A		
	To be sent to the Monitoring Officer by 5:00pm Monday 14 September 2020.		
	Items requiring a decision		
06	Appointment of the Statutory Officers for the new Senior Leadership Team of North Northamptonshire Council	17 - 22	
07	North Northamptonshire Unitary Council Draft Blueprint for approval	23 - 58	
08	Notices of Motion received in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 12		
	a) In relation to Shadow Executive functions		
	i. This Shadow Authority notes that many councils across the country have agreed there is a climate emergency and commends the work that has already been undertaken locally to deal with that emergency.		
	This Shadow Authority believes that as the shadow successor authority, we should treat this issue with the seriousness it deserves and which the public rightly expects.		
	This Shadow Authority calls upon the Shadow Executive to set up a task and finish climate emergency group to advise on the way forward.		
	When set up this Shadow Authority calls on this group to		

<ul> <li>consider and make proposals on:</li> <li>1) how best to draw on the knowledge, expertise and commitment of climate emergency Groups.</li> <li>2) how to engage all partners in this issue.</li> </ul>	
commitment of climate emergency Groups.	
2) how to engage all partners in this issue.	
<ol> <li>how to put the climate emergency on everyone's agenda and in everyone's work plan; and</li> </ol>	
4) how to ensure that this council's policies on the environment and the climate emergency are incorporated into its planning policies and implemented in the planning and development control decisions taken by the council after vesting day next year.	
Proposer Cllr. Andrew Dutton Seconder Cllr. Chris Stanbra	
ii. This Shadow Authority notes:	
<ol> <li>The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which sets out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go ahead by local authority planning committees, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.</li> </ol>	
This Shadow Authority is concerned that the proposals seek to:	
<ol> <li>Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.</li> </ol>	
<ol><li>Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as'for growth'.</li></ol>	
<ol> <li>Remove section 106 payments for infrastructure and their replacementwith a national levy.</li> </ol>	
This Shadow Authority further notes:	
<ol> <li>The Royal Institute for British Architects called the proposals 'shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes. RIBA also said that proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing.</li> </ol>	

2. The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association currently led by Conservative Councillors.	
This Shadow Authority believes:	
<ol> <li>That existing planning procedures through our Sovereign Councils allow for local democratic engagement over future development and give local people a say in planning proposals that affect them.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>That proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risk unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>That local communities must be in the driving seat on shaping the future of their communities, and local determination of the planning framework and planning applications play an important part in this process.</li> </ol>	
This Shadow Authority resolves to:	
<ol> <li>Take part in the consultation in the planning proposals, and to make representations against the proposals as outlined in this motion.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>Write to and lobby all of our local Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to members.</li> </ol>	
<ol> <li>Publish its consultation response through the Future Northants webpages.</li> </ol>	
Proposer Cllr. C Stanbra Seconder Cllr. A Dutton	
b) In relation to non-Shadow Executive Functions	
None notified	

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#### **Public Participation**

The Shadow Authority has approved procedures for you to present petitions or request to address meetings of the Authority.

ITEM	NARRATIVE			DEADLINE
Members of the Public Questions	Questions may be su meetings of the comr submitted 2 clear wo no supplementary qu questions or answers Discretion) is allocated	5:00 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020		
Members of the Public Agenda Statements	Members of the Public may make statements at meetings in relation to reports on the agenda. A request to address the committee must be received 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. The member of the Public has a maximum of 3 minutes to address the committee. A period of 30 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Public Statements.			5:00 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Other Shadow Members Questions	Written questions of up to 50 words maximum permitted. To be received at least 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. Chair's discretion on supplementary question. A period of 30 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Other Shadow Members Questions.			5:00 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Other Shadow Members Agenda Statements	Other Shadow Members may make statements at meetings in relation to reports on the agenda. A request to address the committee must be received 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. The Shadow Member has a maximum of 3 minutes to address the committee. A period of 30 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Shadow Member Statements.			5:00 pm Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Members of the Public Petitions	Members of he PublicAnyone who lives, works or studies in North Northamptonshire may submit a petition to the Shadow Authority. Depending on			
	Category	Signatory Threshold	Description	
	Petition which triggers a debate	1,500 +	Any petition with 1,500 or more signatures will trigger a debate at a Full Authority meeting	
	Petition which calls an officer to account	750 – 1,499	Any petition with 750 – 1,499 signatures will summon a senior officer of the Authority to give evidence at a public	

		Authority meeting	
Standard Petition	5 – 749	Any petition with 5	
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		signatures will be	
		referred to	
		a senior officer of	
		the	
		Authority to	
		provide a	
		response	

These procedures are included within the Shadow Authority's Constitution. Please contact <u>democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk</u> for more information.

## **Members' Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of their duty to ensure they abide by the approved Member Code of Conduct whilst undertaking their role as a Shadow Councillor. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **relates to** a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, you must declare the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless granted a dispensation.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **relates to** other Registerable Interests, you must declare the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but must not take part in any vote on the matter unless you have been granted a dispensation.

Where a matter arises at a meeting which **relates to** your own financial interest (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) or **relates to** a financial interest of a relative, friend or close associate, you must disclose the interest and not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting.

Members are reminded that they should continue to adhere to the Authority's approved rules and protocols during the conduct of meetings. These are contained in the Authority's approved Constitution.

If Members have any queries as to whether a Declaration of Interest should be made please contact the Interim Monitoring Officer at - <u>Bhupinder.gill@northnorthants.gov.uk</u>

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