

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW EXECUTIVE

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Report Title	Delegated authority to Approve Policies and Procedures
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek authority from the North Northamptonshire Shadow Executive to the Corporate Leadership Team to approve necessary policies and procedures prior to vesting day on 1 April 2021 in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Shadow Executive:

- 2.1 delegates authority to each member of the Corporate Leadership Team (in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder) to approve policies and procedures within the areas for which they are responsible, prior to vesting day on 1 April 2021, for the new council.

2.2 Reasons for Decision

- 2.2.1 To ensure that the Council has the necessary policies and procedures in place for the 1st April 2021.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Shadow Council was required by the Structural Changes Order to create a Leader and Cabinet Executive within the meaning of Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 (The Shadow Executive Committee). These arrangements are described in Part 1 and Article 7 of the Constitution which was adopted by the Authority on 4 June 2020.
- 3.2 The Shadow Authority must take all practicable steps as are necessary or expedient –



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- 3.2.1 To prepare for the assumption as North Northamptonshire Council, of local government functions and full local authority powers on 1st April 2021;
- 3.2.2 To prepare any budgets or plans required by North Northamptonshire Council when these functions are assumed;
- 3.2.3 To liaise with the county council and the other shadow authority for the purpose of ensuring continuity of the delivery of public services on and after 1st April 2021.
- 3.3 As part of transition and in accordance with the requirement contained within the Structural Changes Order and set out at para. 3.2.1, there is a need to align a large number of policies and procedures of the existing councils and to create single North Northamptonshire arrangements to take effect on 1st April 2021.
- 3.4 In some instances there will be significant policy differences, there may also be serious implications for the council. In these instances, it is important that members choose between options and make decisions at the Executive Committee. In other instances differences will not have major consequences upon the Authority but are still required to be approved prior to Vesting Day
- 3.5 Agreement is sought for senior officers of the Corporate Leadership Team to approve policies and procedures within the areas for which they are responsible in consultation with and where it is agreed with the relevant Portfolio Holder that they do not require approval at Executive Committee.

4. Next Steps

- 4.1 Subject to the Shadow Executive Committee agreeing the recommendations in this paper, it is proposed that policies and procedures (where appropriate) are approved by individual members of the Corporate Leadership Team in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- 4.2 There is a relatively short period of time until vesting day and the Corporate Leadership Team meet on a regular basis and have oversight of important Policy decisions.
- 4.3 The Shadow Executive Committee shall be updated on Policies that have been approved.

5. Implications (including financial implications)

5.1 Resources and Financial

- 5.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from this decision. Any financial implications arising from the approval of Policies and Procedures shall be taken into account prior to approval.

5.2 Legal

5.2.1 Under Structural Changes Order all matters which are not reserved specifically by legislation to full council are Executive. These delegations are therefore consistent with the transitional legal framework.

5.3 Risk

5.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

5.4 Consultation

5.4.1 There has no requirement to consult with the public as part of the proposals in this report. Consultation exercises will be undertaken in relation to specific plans and policies, as necessary.

5.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

5.5.1 None.

5.6 Environmental Impact

5.6.1 None arising from this report.

5.7 Equalities

5.7.1 Policies and Procedures shall consider equalities implications and Equality Impact Assessments shall be undertaken where relevant.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None.