

NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY

Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting

6th August 2020

Report of the Programme Director

Report Title	Programme Directors Update
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Appendices

Appendix A – Programme Director's Update

Appendix B – Finance Monitoring Report

Appendix B1 – Financial Summary and Analysis

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to appraise the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the progress being made to create the North Northamptonshire Council. A copy of the Project Director's Update, and the Finance Monitoring Report and Summary, were received by the Shadow Executive Committee at its meeting on 23rd July 2020.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- a) Notes the completion of the mobilisation phase of the programme ready for implementation.
- b) Notes the high level programme delivery status
- c) Notes the update on change readiness and change champion recruitment.
- d) Notes the communication and engagement update
- e) Notes the contents and progress on the development of the draft blueprint
- f) Notes the development of a Portfolio Structure
- g) Notes the finance monitoring report.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The approach to setting up the North Northamptonshire Council which was set out in the *Prospectus for Change – Next Chapter*, had to be amended to reflect the impact of the COVID – 19 Pandemic. The attached slides form the Programme Director’s update (see Appendix A to the report) that sets out the progress being made to mobilise the revised programme and that this stage is now complete.
- 3.1.2 The development of the service blueprint for North Northamptonshire is making good progress and the Shadow Executive Committee were asked to note this and the next steps required to complete the draft blueprint ready for formal approval.
- 3.1.3 The Shadow Executive Committee have produced a Portfolio structure which will enable the Future Northants Programme to design and align the Operational Structure to feed into the blueprint and the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- 3.1.4 The finance monitoring report for July is submitted to be noted and the attached report (see Appendices B and B1) sets out the details for consideration by the Committee.
- 3.1.5 There is also an update on communications and engagement and change management and the current position in relation to Change Champions and the next steps to engage more widely for the Committee’s information.

3.2 Issues and Choices

- 3.2.1 The creation of a draft blueprint for the North Northamptonshire Council will be presented to the Shadow Executive Committee in August 2020 for approval setting out the approach and choices available.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

- 4.1.1 The delivery costs and benefits are set out in detail in the Finance Monitoring Report attached. There is no requirement to provide additional funds and this situation will be carefully monitored on a monthly basis.

4.2 Resources and Risk

- 4.2.1 The full extent of the impact of the pandemic is still emerging and we cannot be sure that a further outbreak is likely or not. The programme has been reorganised to mitigate this as much as possible but it will be necessary to monitor the situation carefully to ensure the resources needed from the sovereign councils are available for the implementation phase of the programme.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 No implications in this report

4.4 Equality and Health

4.4.1 No implications in this report

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