

# Interim Arrangements

This document sets out the governance arrangements for the period between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This article shall only apply during the Interim Period. For the purposes of this article “the Interim Period” is the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021 inclusive.

1.2 An exception to this, is for the Chair of the Council, where the Interim Period will end when a new Chair has been appointed.

## 2. INTERIM PERIOD DEFINITIONS

2.1 In this Article:

“**Predecessor Council**” means a Council dissolved on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 by Articles 3 and 5 of the Order

2020  
“**The Order**” means The Northamptonshire (Structural Changes) Order

“**The Shadow North Northamptonshire Authority**” (“**the Shadow Authority**”) means the Shadow Authority for the purposes of Article 6 of the Order.

## 3. INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 During the Interim Period the other provisions of this Constitution will be modified by the arrangements in this Part.

3.2 If there is any uncertainty about the interpretation or application of this Part, the decision of the Monitoring Officer shall be determinative.

## 4. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

4.1 The Council shall be made up of those Members of the Shadow Authority as defined by Article 6 of the Order who as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 made up the Shadow Authority.

4.2 The quorum of a meeting of the Council shall be the same as for the Shadow Authority as defined by Article 6 of the Order.

## **5. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

5.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Council shall be the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Shadow Authority as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

5.2 The Chair will remain until a new Chair has been appointed.

## **6. EXECUTIVE**

6.1 Unless replaced in accordance with the Order:

- a) The Leader of the Council shall be the Leader of the Shadow Authority as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021
- b) The Cabinet shall be made up of those members of the Shadow Executive as defined by Article 7 of the Order who as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 made up the Shadow Executive
- c) The quorum of a meeting of the Cabinet shall be the same as for the Shadow Executive of the Shadow Authority.

## **7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

7.1 During the Interim Period, the Council will have one Overview and Scrutiny Committee consisting of those Councillors who have been appointed to the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

7.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall have powers of call-in of Cabinet decisions in accordance with the Shadow Constitution. Otherwise, Overview and Scrutiny work will begin after the election of the new Council.

7.3 The quorum of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be the same as the quorum of the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **8. STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

8.1 During the Interim Period, the Standards Committee will consist of those Councillors who have been appointed to the Standards Committee as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## **9. SENIOR APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

9.1 During the Interim Period, the Senior Appointments Committee will consist of those Councillors who have been appointed to the Senior Appointments Committee as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## **10. OTHER COMMITTEES**

10.1 During the Interim Period, the Council shall have the following other Committees which will operate in accordance with this Constitution:

10.2 Four Development Management Committees which will be the same as and cover the areas of the planning work of the four Development Management Committees of the Predecessor Councils and will be made up of those Councillors appointed by the Predecessor Councils as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

10.3 Such a committee will determine any application in accordance with the policies, practices and scheme of delegation which applied to that committee at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

10.4 Four Licensing Committees which will be the same as and cover the areas of the licensing work of the four Licensing Committees of the Predecessor Councils and will be made up of those Councillors appointed by the Predecessor Councils as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

10.5 Such a committee will determine any licensing matter in accordance with the policies, practices and scheme of delegation which applied to that committee at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

10.6 Membership of Licensing Sub-Committees will be selected by the Monitoring Officer or their nominated representative on a rota basis, taking account of experience, political balance and interests, and to reflect training on the relevant policies being applied to applications in respect of the Predecessor Council areas.

10.7 An Audit Committee will be convened if required by the Monitoring Officer consisting of the Chairman or Vice-Chairmen of the Predecessor Councils' committees with audit functions as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, with a minimum of four members.

10.8 An Appeals Committee will be convened if required by the Monitoring Officer, consisting of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Predecessor Councils' appeals committees as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

## **11. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES**

11.1 Those Members who are qualified to be Members of North Northamptonshire Council on 1st April 2021, will be able to receive allowances, subject to, and in accordance with, the Members' Allowances Scheme applicable from that date.

**End of Interim Arrangements**

**February 2021**