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The Corby Cube,
George Street,
Corby,
Northants,
NN17 1QG

Meeting: Council
Date: Thursday 31st March, 2022
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, The Cube, George Street, Corby, NN17 1QG

Council Membership:

Councillors Addison, Allebone, Anslow, Armour, Best, Binley, Bone, Brackenbury, Brackenbury, Brown, Brown, Buckingham, Buckingham, Bunday, Carr, Carter, Colquhoun, Currall, Dalziel, Dearing, Dell, Edwards, Ekins, Fedorowycz, Griffiths, Hakewill, Hallam, Harrington, Harrison, Harrison, Howell, Howes, Irwin, Jackson, Jelley, Jenney, Jenney, Keane, Lawal, Lawman, Lawman, Lee, Levell, Marks, Maxwell, McEwan, McGhee, McGhee, Mercer, Mercer, Nichol, North, O'Hara, Pandey, Partridge-Underwood, Pengelly, Pentland, Powell, Prentice, Rielly, Roberts, Rowley, Shacklock, Sims, Smith-Haynes, Smithers, Smyth, Tebbutt, Thurland, Tubbs, Tye, Ward, Waters, Watt, Weatherill and Wilkes

A G E N D A SUPPLEMENT

The following additional appendix has now been published which was not available at the time the agenda was published.

This supplementary agenda has been published by Democratic Services.
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Public Participation

The Council has approved procedures for you to present petitions or request to address meetings of the Council

ITEM	NARRATIVE	DEADLINE												
Members of the Public Questions	Questions may be submitted by members of the Public to meetings of the committee. The question must be in writing and submitted 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. There are no supplementary questions permitted, and no debate on questions or answers. A period of 30 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Public Questions.	5:00 pm Monday 22 nd February 2021												
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 22 nd February 2021												
Other 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 22 nd February 2021												
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Members of the Public Petitions	<p>Anyone who lives, works or studies in North Northamptonshire may submit a petition to the Shadow Authority. Depending on the size of your petition it will be responded to as follows:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Signatory Threshold</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Petition which triggers a debate</td> <td>1,500 +</td> <td>Any petition with 1,500 or more signatures will trigger a debate at a Full Authority meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petition which calls an officer to account</td> <td>750 – 1,499</td> <td>Any petition with 750 – 1,499 signatures will summon a senior officer of the Authority to give evidence at a public Authority meeting</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Petition</td> <td>5 – 749</td> <td>Any petition with 5 – 749 signatures will be referred to a senior officer of the Authority to provide a response</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	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 – 749 signatures will be referred to a senior officer of the Authority to provide a response	
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These procedures are included within the Council's Constitution. Please contact democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk 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 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 Council's approved rules and protocols during the conduct of meetings. These are contained in the Council's approved Constitution.

If Members have any queries as to whether a Declaration of Interest should be made please contact the Monitoring Officer at – monitoringofficer@northnorthants.gov.uk

Press & Media Enquiries

Any press or media enquiries should be directed through Council's Communications Team to communications@northnorthants.gov.uk

Public Enquiries

Public enquiries regarding the Authority's meetings can be made to democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk

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Appendix A- Proportionality Allocations

Changes since Political Balance Calculation

It is a legislative duty to review political balance if there have been changes to membership since the last calculation. Since political balance was calculated last, there have been the following changes.

- Cllr Hakewill was an independent member and joined the Green Alliance Group
- Cllr Griffiths was a Conservative and became an independent member
- Cllr Best was elected as a Liberal Democrat (but is an independent member) following Cllr De Cappell Brooks resignation as a Conservative

Political Proportionality for the whole council of 78 members

This table sets out the political makeup of the Council.

	Number of Members	Percentage
Conservative	58	74.36%
Labour	14	17.95%
Green Alliance	4	5.13%
Independents	2	2.56%
TOTAL	78	100%

Political Proportionality for the recognised groups

Only recognised groups (2 or more members) are entitled to seats on Committees. Independent members could be allocated if there was a unanimous vote of the Council. This table sets out the political makeup of the Council removing the independent members.

Conservative	76.32%
Labour	18.42%
Green Alliance	5.26%
TOTAL	100%

Seats available on Ordinary Committees

The Council has 88 seats available on Ordinary Committees which are Scrutiny Commission (13), Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee (13), Licensing and Appeals Committee (13), Audit and Governance Committee (10), Democracy and

Standards Committee (13), Employment Committee (13), Strategic Planning Committee (13). The percentages above equate the seats set out in the table below.

Area Committees are excluded from calculations as it is a legislative requirement that they are based on local political proportionality.

Executive Committees/Advisory Panels are excluded from this calculation as appointments are an Executive function rather than a Council one.

	Allocated Seats
Conservative	67.16 (rounded down to 67 seats)
Labour	16.2 seats (rounded down to 16 seats)
Green Alliance	4.62 seats (rounded up to 5 seats)
TOTAL	88

Seats on Area Planning Committees

It is a legislative requirement that local political balance is used rather than the calculating on the entire Council. Despite changes with Cllr Griffiths and Cllr Best, the political balance is not affected for Wellingborough or Thrapston. There have been no changes in the Corby area.

Political Proportionality for Kettering Area (21 members)

This has changed since previous calculations due to Cllr Hakewill joining the Green Alliance instead of being an Independent Member.

Conservative	17	80.95%
Green Alliance	4	19.05%
TOTAL	21	100%

Seats available on Kettering Area Planning Committee (9 seats available)

The percentages above equate the seats set out in the table below.

Conservative	7.28 (rounded down to 7)
Green Alliance	1.71 (rounded up to 2)
TOTAL	9