



Meeting: Council
Date: Thursday 22nd June, 2023
Time: 6:00 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, The Cube, George Street, Corby NN17 1QG

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Council Membership:

Councillor Barbara Jenney (Chair), Councillor Lora Lawman (Vice-Chair), Councillor Jean Addison, Councillor Tim Allebone, Councillor Valerie Anslow, Councillor Ross Armour, Councillor Charlie Best, Councillor Paul Bell, Councillor Matt Binley, Councillor Jennie Bone, Councillor David Brackenbury, Councillor Wendy Brackenbury, Councillor Cedwien Brown, Councillor Scott Brown, Councillor Leanne Buckingham, Councillor Lyn Buckingham, Councillor Lloyd Bunday, Councillor Jon-Paul Carr, Councillor Robin Carter, Cllr Melanie Coleman, Councillor William Colquhoun, Councillor John Currall, Councillor Alison Dalziel, Councillor Mark Dearing, Councillor Dez Dell, Councillor Scott Edwards, Councillor Jonathan Ekins, Councillor Emily Fedorowycz, Councillor Martin Griffiths, Councillor Jim Hakewill, Councillor Clive Hallam, Councillor Ken Harrington, Councillor Helen Harrison, Councillor Kirk Harrison, Councillor Larry Henson, Councillor Helen Howell, Councillor David Howes, Councillor Philip Irwin, Councillor Bert Jackson, Councillor Ian Jelley, Councillor Matt Keane, Councillor King Lawal, Councillor Graham Lawman, Councillor Anne Lee, Councillor Richard Levell, Councillor Paul Marks, Councillor Dorothy Maxwell, Councillor Peter McEwan, Councillor John McGhee, Councillor Zoe McGhee, Councillor Andy Mercer, Councillor Gill Mercer, Councillor Macaulay Nichol, Councillor Steven North, Councillor Jan O'Hara, Councillor Dr Anup Pandey, Councillor Tom Partridge-Underwood, Councillor Mark Pengelly, Councillor Harriet Pentland, Councillor Roger Powell, Councillor Elliot Keith Prentice, Councillor Simon Rielly, Councillor Russell Roberts, Councillor Mark Rowley, Councillor Geoff Shacklock, Councillor David Sims, Councillor Jason Smithers, Councillor Chris Smith-Haynes, Councillor Joseph John Smyth, Councillor Mike Tebbutt, Councillor Sarah Tubbs, Councillor Michael Tye, Councillor Malcolm Ward, Councillor Malcolm Waters, Councillor Kevin Watt, Councillor Keli Watts, Councillor Andrew Weatherill and Councillor Lee Wilkes.


Members of The Council are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed on the agenda.

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01	Apologies To receive any apologies for absence.	

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02	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25th May 2023 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	9 - 20
03	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at the meeting.</p>	
04	<p>Chair's Announcements</p> <p>To receive any announcements from the Chair.</p>	
05	<p>Leader's Announcements</p> <p>To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.</p>	
06	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>(i) Public Statements</p> <p>To consider public statements received in accordance with public meeting procedure rule 15.</p> <p>(ii) Public Questions</p> <p>To consider public questions received in accordance with public meeting procedure rule 16.</p> <p>(iii) Petitions</p> <p>To receive petitions qualifying for full Council in accordance with the council's petition scheme.</p>	
07	<p>Executive Presentations</p> <p>To receive any presentations from the Executive in accordance with meeting procedure rule 3.1 (vi).</p>	
Items requiring a decision		
	No reports requiring a decision.	

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08	<p>Motions on Notice</p> <p>To consider motions received in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 18 as follows: -</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Scott Brown and seconded by Cllr Elliott Prentice-</p> <p><i>“North Northants Council is committed to supporting local farmers. Britain has some of the highest animal welfare standards in the world and N.N.C should engage and work in partnership with our arable and livestock farmers to ensure their ability to enhance our magnificent countryside. We need to strive to support them by being sympathetic to diversification opportunities, including the promotion of local produce.</i></p> <p><i>Elected Members will be vocal in opposing excessive regulation by central government, enabling them to prosper. Keeping in mind our commitment to the climate emergency, NNC should, wherever possible, encourage people to shop locally, taking advantage of home-grown, affordable and nutritious food, both plant and meat based, thus reducing the “food miles” on our plates.”</i></p> <p><u>Motion 2</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Jim Hakewill and seconded by Cllr Keli Watts-</p> <p><i>“This council values all the opportunities provided, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of residents’ health and well-being across North Northamptonshire.</i></p> <p><i>In particular this council welcomes the economic benefits for Kettering and the wider regional area of having a premier national conference centre, combined with public sporting and theatrical venues (commonly known as the Kettering Leisure Village, the KLV).</i></p> <p><i>The KLV’s continued public and private availability on a long-term, sustainable, basis is critical to the well-being of all residents along with the wider economic prosperity of North Northamptonshire.</i></p> <p><i>We call upon this Council to take similar action to its predecessor authority (Kettering Borough Council) and to step in to keep the KLV open, whilst a sustainable, long-term, future is secured with the help of local people and organisations, for their benefit and the wider economy of North Northamptonshire. A viable business case needs to be urgently created and a budget agreed, prior to the advised closure date of the 3rd July 2023.”</i></p>	

	<p><u>Motion 3</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Valerie Anslow and seconded by Cllr Lyn Buckingham-</p> <p><i>“It is clear that the country as a whole is in the midst of a real and continuing housing crisis, we acknowledge the enormous challenge and pressure faced by our members of Staff on homeless presentations in recent years.</i></p> <p><i>Whilst we acknowledge the pressures, we also feel much more should be being done by this council to put housing and homelessness on top of the agenda.</i></p> <p><i>There are blockages and delays in our house building/development programmes which although could be perceived as down to external forces, also see us prepared to be selling off surplus land instead of finding constructive ways to build.</i></p> <p><i>We have seen over the past two years, massive delays in processing housing applications, far in excess of the time needed to prevent homelessness effectively, which although reported that the backlog being cleared, the backlog is again growing to an unacceptable over three months wait for applications being processed.</i></p> <p><i>We have seen homeless families be moved away from support and education networks because of lack of temporary accommodation, bringing disruption and chaos for families already facing hardship.</i></p> <p><i>Despite this Council putting forward resources to assist with rough sleeping programmes, (building on the successes of finding bed spaces during the height of the Covid pandemic) it seems that very little progress is being made in this area also partnering with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise.</i></p> <p><i>This motion asks that North Northamptonshire Council develop its vision and strategy for the building and development of social housing and prevention of homelessness including, if appropriate, a review of the allocations strategy to support programmes that prioritise our duty under the armed forces covenant, the growing need for homeless provision for single women and young care leavers, in North Northamptonshire. Acting quickly and decisively ensures that right to buy receipts are not swallowed by raising build costs and that North Northamptonshire Council also commit further investment in housing.”</i></p>	
09	<p>Councillor Questions</p> <p>To receive questions from members in accordance with meeting procedure rule 17.</p>	

Urgent Items	
	To consider any items of business of which notice has been given to the Proper Officer and the Chair considers to be urgent, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972.
10	Close of Meeting
	<p>Adele Wylie, Monitoring Officer North Northamptonshire Council</p>  <p>Proper Officer Wednesday 14th June 2023</p>

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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. No debate on questions or answers. A period of 15 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Public Questions.	5:00 pm on Monday 19 th June 2023												
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 written copy of the statement must be submitted by the deadline indicated.	5:00 pm on Monday 19 th June 2023												
Members of the Public Petitions	<p>Anyone who lives, works or studies in North Northamptonshire may submit a petition to the Council. Depending on the size of your petition it will be responded to as follows: -</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Category</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Signatory Threshold</th> <th style="text-align: left;">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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Annual Council

North Northamptonshire Council

Thursday 25th May 2023

At 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber, The Cube, George Street, Corby.

Present: -

Members:

Councillors Larry Henson (Chair), Barbara Jenney, Jean Addison, Tim Allebone, Ross Armour, Paul Bell, Matt Binley, Jennie Bone, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Cedwien Brown, Scott Brown, Leanne Buckingham, Lyn Buckingham, Lloyd Bunday, Jon-Paul Carr, Robin Carter, Melanie Coleman, William Colquhoun, John Currall, Alison Dalziel, Mark Dearing, Dez Dell, Scott Edwards, Jonathan Ekins, Emily Fedorowycz, Jim Hakewill, Clive Hallam, Ken Harrington, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, David Howes, Philip Irwin, Bert Jackson, Ian Jelley, Matt Keane, King Lawal, Graham Lawman, Lora Lawman, Anne Lee, Richard Levell, Paul Marks, Dorothy Maxwell, Peter McEwan, John McGhee, Zoe McGhee, Andy Mercer, Gill Mercer, Macaulay Nichol, Steven North, Jan O'Hara, Anup Pandey, Tom Partridge-Underwood, Harriet Pentland, Roger Powell, Elliot Prentice, Simon Rielly, Russell Roberts, Mark Rowley, Jason Smithers, Chris Smith-Haynes, Joseph Smyth, Mike Tebbutt, Sarah Tubbs, Michael Tye, Malcolm Ward, Malcolm Waters, Keli Watts, Andrew Weatherill, Lee Wilkes.

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Bridge (Chief Executive), Adele Wylie (Director of Customer and Governance/Monitoring Officer), Paul Goult (Democratic Services Manager) and Ben Smith (Head of Democratic Services).

Prior to commencing the formal business of the meeting, the Chair (Councillor Larry Henson) thanked members and officers for their support during his term of office and highlighted some of the key events attended on behalf of the Council.

227. Election of Chair of North Northamptonshire Council

Nominations were sought for the office of Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

Councillor Gill Mercer MOVED the nomination of Councillor Barbara Jenney. Councillor Jon-Paul Carr SECONDED the nomination. No other nominations had been received.

RESOLVED that: -

Councillor Barbara Jenney be elected as Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

228. Appointment of Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council

Nominations were sought for the office of Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

Councillor Philip Irwin MOVED the nomination of Councillor Lora Lawman. Councillor Wendy Brackenbury SECONDED the nomination. No other nominations had been received.

RESOLVED that: -

Councillor Lora Lawman be appointed as Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

229. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Valerie Anslow, Charlie Best, Martin Griffiths, Mark Pengelly, David Sims, Geoff Shacklock and Kevin Watt.

230. Minutes of the meeting held on the 30th March 2023

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th March 2023 had been circulated.

Councillor Barbara Jenney MOVED that the minutes be agreed. Councillor Andy Mercer SECONDED.

RESOLVED that: -

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30th March 2023 be agreed.

231. Declarations of Interest

No Declarations of Interest were recorded.

232. Chair's Announcements

The Chair introduced two guest speakers from a local charity Encompass, who provided a brief presentation to members on the work of the charity. The Chair was keen to highlight the work of the organisation in assisting those facing poverty, homelessness and addiction, and encouraged members to raise their awareness of the important role the charity played across North Northamptonshire.

233. Political Group Leadership

Council received a report confirming the leadership of the recognised political groups for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

- *Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Jason Smithers*
- *Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Helen Howell*
- *Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor Matt Keane*
- *Deputy Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor Leanne Buckingham*
- *Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Emily Fedorowycz*
- *Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Jim Hakewill*

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The leadership arrangements of the recognised political groups for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be noted.

234. Leader's Address to Council

Councillor Smithers (Leader of the Council) addressed Council. The Leader summarised key challenges faced by the Council over the previous 12-months together with achievements. The Leader praised the Council's staff on their dedication and hard work and thanked the outgoing Chief Executive, Rob Bridge, for his leadership during the first two years of the new council.

Councillor Matt Keane (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Emily Fedorowycz (Leader of the Green Alliance) also addressed Council.

235. Confirmation of Executive Appointments

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Jason Smithers) informed Council of the Executive appointments for 2023/24 which remained unchanged from the previous year.

Councillor Helen Howell	<i>Deputy Leader/Sport, Leisure, Culture & Tourism</i>
Councillor Lloyd Bunday	<i>Finance & Transformation</i>
Councillor Harriet Pentland	<i>Climate & Green Environment</i>
Councillor Helen Harrison	<i>Adults, Health & Wellbeing</i>
Councillor David Brackenbury	<i>Growth & Regeneration</i>
Councillor Graham Lawman	<i>Highways, Travel & Assets</i>
Councillor Scott Edwards	<i>Children, Families, Education & Skills</i>
Councillor Matt Binley	<i>Housing, Communities & Levelling-Up</i>
Councillor David Howes	<i>Rural Communities & Localism</i>

236. Committee Membership and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs

Full Council was requested to confirm the membership of the Council's committees and bodies, where it was the responsibility of Full Council to make such appointments. Details of nominations received from the recognised political groups had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had delegated authority, upon receiving a request from a recognised political group, to authorise in-year changes to membership.

Councillor Helen Harrison MOVED and Councillor Helen Howell SECONDED recommendations (a), (b) & (d) as detailed in the report, to agree the political proportionality applied as per Appendix A, to note the respective group nominations to committees as contained in Appendix B, and to note the delegation of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The proportionality rules applied be noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (ii) The appointments to committees made by the recognised political groups be noted (as detailed in Appendix B)
- (iii) The delegated authority granted to the Monitoring Officer to make any in-year changes to the membership of committees on behalf of the Council, in consultation with the respective leaders of the recognised political groups, be noted.

Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of committees in the gift of Full Council had been sought. Details of the nominations received had been circulated.

Councillor Andy Mercer MOVED, and Councillor Emily Fedorowycz SECONDED the uncontested nominations only as detailed in the report and appendices.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The appointments to the Chair and Vice Chair positions as detailed below be agreed -

Vice Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Lora Lawman</i>
Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor King Lawal</i>
Chair of the Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Gill Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Kevin Watt</i>
Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board	<i>Councillor Gill Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board	<i>Councillor King Lawal</i>
Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Committee	<i>Councillor Jonathan Ekins</i>
Vice Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Committee	<i>Councillor Jennie Bone</i>
Chair of Employment Committee	<i>Councillor Lora Lawman</i>
Vice Chair of the Employment Committee	<i>Councillor John Currall</i>
Chair of the Democracy and Standards Committee	<i>Councillor Andy Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Democracy and Standards Committee	<i>Councillor Ian Jelley</i>
Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee	<i>Councillor Andrew Weatherill</i>
Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee	<i>Councillor Jonathan Ekins</i>
Chair of the Planning Committee (North)	<i>Councillor Mark Rowley</i>
Vice Chair of the Planning Committee (North)	<i>Councillor Kevin Watt</i>
Chair of the Planning Committee (South)	<i>Councillor Jennie Bone</i>
Vice Chair of the Planning Committee (South)	<i>Councillor Lee Wilkes</i>
Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board	<i>Councillor Helen Harrison</i>

For the position of Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee two nominations had been received. Councillor Keane MOVED and Councillor John McGhee SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Lyn Buckingham. Councillor Fedorowycz MOVED and Councillor Dell SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Hakewill.

RESOLVED that: -

(i) Councillor Lyn Buckingham be elected as Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee. For the position of Vice Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee two nominations had been received. Councillor Binley MOVED and Councillor Nichol SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Larry Henson. Councillor Armour MOVED and Councillor Zoe McGhee SECONDED the nomination of Councillor John McGhee.

RESOLVED that: -

(i) Councillor Larry Henson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

237. Outside Bodies

The Monitoring Officer introduced this item, which provided details of the proposed Outside Bodies appointments for 2023/24. The proposed list of both Strategic and Community appointments had been formulated following a review by Scrutiny members. Strategic appointments were in the gift of the Executive, Community appointments were the responsibility of Full Council. Nominations for the Community appointments had been sought and were detailed in the report.

An addendum indicating some amendments to Outside Bodies representation had been circulated to members.

Under this item, Councillor Hakewill queried whether Councillor Pengelly could be reinstated as the Council's representative on APSE for 2023/24. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that following discussion with APSE, the Council were able to appoint two representatives and Councillor Pengelly would be added. This was duly noted.

An addendum indicating some amendments to Outside Bodies representation had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Council notes the Strategic Outside Bodies representation detailed in the report and addendum; and
- (ii) Council notes the Community Outside Bodies representation detailed in the report and addendum (as amended).

238. Chief Executive & Head of Paid Service Designation – Interim Appointment

Council received a report recommending the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 29th May 2023.

The Chief Executive (Rob Bridge) resigned his position on 27th March 2023 and would be leaving the employment of NNC on 4th June 2023.

In order to ensure continuity in leadership and strategic direction, Council agreed an interim recruitment process and timeframe on 30th March 2023. This comprised of inviting expressions of interest from interested persons from within the Corporate Leadership Team and a panel interview, undertaken by the following members:

- Councillor Jason Smithers (Leader of the Council) (Chair)
- Councillor Helen Howell (Deputy Leader)
- Councillor Barbara Jenney (Chair of the Employment Committee)
- Councillor John McGhee (Leader of the Labour Group)

Interviews took place at the Corby Cube on Wednesday 27th April 2023. Candidates were assessed by the panel through a range of structured questions, based on the requirements of the person specification for the role.

In accordance with the Local Authorities' (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 8.4, Officer Employment Procedure Rules) the name of the person to be offered the appointment was sent to all Executive Members asking for any justified objections to the making of an offer to be submitted to the Assistant Director of Human Resources. No objections were received.

A conditional offer had been made to the successful candidate, subject to the approval of Full Council.

The recommendations were **MOVED** by Councillor Helen Howell and **SECONDED** by Councillor John McGhee.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) George Candler be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 29th May 2023; and
- (ii) That a salary of £174,475 would be paid for the duration of the interim appointment, in accordance with the Council's agreed Pay Policy.

239. Urgent Items

There were no Urgent Items on this occasion.

240. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 7:22 pm.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council

At 6.00 pm on Thursday 25th May, 2023 in the
Council Chamber, The Cube, George St, Corby NN17 1QG

Present:-

Members

Councillor Larry Henson (Chair)	Councillor Barbara Jenney
Councillor Jean Addison	Councillor Graham Lawman
Councillor Tim Allebone	Councillor Lora Lawman
Councillor Ross Armour	Councillor Anne Lee
Councillor Paul Bell	Councillor Richard Levell
Councillor Matt Binley	Councillor Paul Marks
Councillor Jennie Bone	Councillor Dorothy Maxwell
Councillor David Brackenbury	Councillor Peter McEwan
Councillor Wendy Brackenbury	Councillor John McGhee
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Officers

Also in attendance – Councillor

Nominations were sought for the office of Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

Councillor Gill Mercer MOVED the nomination of Councillor Barbara Jenney. Councillor Jon-Paul Carr SECONDED the nomination. No other nominations had been received.

RESOLVED that: -

Councillor Barbara Jenney be elected as Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

228 Appointment of Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council

Nominations were sought for the office of Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

Councillor Philip Irwin MOVED the nomination of Councillor Lora Lawman. Councillor Wendy Brackenbury SECONDED the nomination. No other nominations had been received.

RESOLVED that: -

Councillor Lora Lawman be appointed as Vice Chair of North Northamptonshire Council for the Municipal Year 2023/2024.

229 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Valerie Anslow, Charlie Best, Martin Griffiths, Mark Pengelly, David Sims, Geoff Shacklock and Kevin Watt.

230 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest on this occasion.

231 Minutes of the meeting held on 30th March 2023

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 30th March 2023 had been circulated.

Councillor Barbara Jenney MOVED that the minutes be agreed. Councillor Andy Mercer SECONDED.

RESOLVED that: -

The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 30th March 2023 be agreed.

232 Chair's Announcements

The Chair introduced two guest speakers from a local charity Encompass, who provided a brief presentation to members on the work of the charity. The Chair was keen to highlight the work of the organisation in assisting those facing poverty, homelessness and addiction, and encouraged members to raise their awareness of the important role the charity played across North Northamptonshire.

233 Political Group Leadership

Political Group Leadership

Council received a report confirming the leadership of the recognised political groups for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

- *Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Jason Smithers*
- *Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group – Councillor Helen Howell*
- *Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor Matt Keane*
- *Deputy Leader of the Labour Group – Councillor Leanne Buckingham*
- *Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Emily Fedorowycz*
- *Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Jim Hakewill*

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The leadership arrangements of the recognised political groups for the Municipal Year 2023/24 be noted.

234 Leader's Address to Council

Councillor Smithers (Leader of the Council) addressed Council. The Leader summarised key challenges faced by the Council over the previous 12-months together with achievements. The Leader praised the Council's staff on their dedication and hard work and thanked the outgoing Chief Executive, Rob Bridge, for his leadership during the first two years of the new council.

Councillor Matt Keane (Leader of the Labour Group) and Councillor Emily Fedorowycz (Leader of the Green Alliance) also addressed Council.

235 Confirmation of Executive Appointments

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Jason Smithers) informed Council of the Executive appointments for 2023/24 which remained unchanged from the previous year.

Councillor Helen Howell	<i>Deputy Leader/Sport, Leisure, Culture & Tourism</i>
Councillor Lloyd Bunday	<i>Finance & Transformation</i>
Councillor Harriet Pentland	<i>Climate & Green Environment</i>
Councillor Helen Harrison	<i>Adults, Health & Wellbeing</i>
Councillor David Brackenbury	<i>Growth & Regeneration</i>
Councillor Graham Lawman	<i>Highways, Travel & Assets</i>
Councillor Scott Edwards	<i>Children, Families, Education & Skills</i>
Councillor Matt Binley	<i>Housing, Communities & Levelling-Up</i>
Councillor David Howes	<i>Rural Communities & Localism</i>

236 Committee Membership and Appointment of Chairs/Vice Chairs of Committees

Full Council was requested to confirm the membership of the Council’s committees and bodies, where it was the responsibility of Full Council to make such appointments. Details of nominations received from the recognised political groups had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had delegated authority, upon receiving a request from a recognised political group, to authorise in-year changes to membership.

Councillor Helen Harrison MOVED and Councillor Helen Howell SECONDED recommendations (a), (b) & (d) as detailed in the report, to agree the political proportionality applied as per Appendix A, to note the respective group nominations to committees as contained in Appendix B, and to note the delegation of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The proportionality rules applied be noted (as detailed in Appendix A);
- (ii) The appointments to committees made by the recognised political groups be noted (as detailed in Appendix B)
- (iii) The delegated authority granted to the Monitoring Officer to make any in-year changes to the membership of committees on behalf of the Council, in consultation with the respective leaders of the recognised political groups, be noted.

Nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of committees in the gift of Full Council had been sought. Details of the nominations received had been circulated.

Councillor Andy Mercer MOVED, and Councillor Emily Fedorowycz SECONDED the uncontested nominations only as detailed in the report and appendices.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) The appointments to the Chair and Vice Chair positions as detailed below be agreed -

Vice Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Lora Lawman</i>
Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor King Lawal</i>
Chair of the Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Gill Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Place and Environment Scrutiny Committee	<i>Councillor Kevin Watt</i>
Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board	<i>Councillor Gill Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board	<i>Councillor King Lawal</i>
Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Committee	<i>Councillor Jonathan Ekins</i>
Vice Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Committee	<i>Councillor Jennie Bone</i>
Chair of Employment Committee	<i>Councillor Lora Lawman</i>
Vice Chair of the Employment Committee	<i>Councillor John Currall</i>
Chair of the Democracy and Standards Committee	<i>Councillor Andy Mercer</i>
Vice Chair of the Democracy and Standards Committee	<i>Councillor Ian Jelley</i>
Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee	<i>Councillor Andrew Weatherill</i>
Vice Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee	<i>Councillor Jonathan Ekins</i>

Chair of the Planning Committee (North)	<i>Councillor Mark Rowley</i>
Vice Chair of the Planning Committee (North)	<i>Councillor Kevin Watt</i>
Chair of the Planning Committee (South)	<i>Councillor Jennie Bone</i>
Vice Chair of the Planning Committee (South)	<i>Councillor Lee Wilkes</i>
Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board	<i>Councillor Helen Harrison</i>

For the position of Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee two nominations had been received. Councillor Keane MOVED and Councillor John McGhee SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Lyn Buckingham. Councillor Fedorowycz MOVED and Councillor Dell SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Hakewill.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Councillor Lyn Buckingham be elected as Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.

For the position of Vice Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee two nominations had been received. Councillor Binley MOVED and Councillor Nichol SECONDED the nomination of Councillor Larry Henson. Councillor Armour MOVED and Councillor Zoe McGhee SECONDED the nomination of Councillor John McGhee.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Councillor Larry Henson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

237 Outside Bodies

The Monitoring Officer introduced this item, which provided details of the proposed Outside Bodies appointments for 2023/24. The proposed list of both Strategic and Community appointments had been formulated following a review by Scrutiny members. Strategic appointments were in the gift of the Executive, Community appointments were the responsibility of Full Council. Nominations for the Community appointments had been sought and were detailed in the report.

An addendum indicating some amendments to Outside Bodies representation had been circulated to members.

Under this item, Councillor Hakewill queried whether Councillor Pengelly could be reinstated as the Council's representative on APSE for 2023/24. The Monitoring Officer confirmed that following discussion with APSE, the Council were able to appoint two representatives and Councillor Pengelly would be added. This was duly noted.

An addendum indicating some amendments to Outside Bodies representation had been circulated to members.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Council notes the Strategic Outside Bodies representation detailed in the report and addendum; and
- (ii) Council notes the Community Outside Bodies representation detailed in the report and addendum (as amended).

238 Chief Executive & Head of Paid Service Designation - Interim Appointment

Council received a report recommending the appointment of an Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 29th May 2023.

The Chief Executive (Rob Bridge) resigned his position on 27th March 2023 and would be leaving the employment of NNC on 4th June 2023.

In order to ensure continuity in leadership and strategic direction, Council agreed an interim recruitment process and timeframe on 30th March 2023. This comprised of inviting expressions of interest from interested persons from within the Corporate Leadership Team and a panel interview, undertaken by the following members:

- Councillor Jason Smithers (Leader of the Council) (Chair)
- Councillor Helen Howell (Deputy Leader)
- Councillor Barbara Jenney (Chair of the Employment Committee)
- Councillor John McGhee (Leader of the Labour Group)

Interviews took place at the Corby Cube on Wednesday 27th April 2023. Candidates were assessed by the panel through a range of structured questions, based on the requirements of the person specification for the role.

In accordance with the Local Authorities' (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 as set out in the Council's Constitution (Part 8.4, Officer Employment Procedure Rules) the name of the person to be offered the appointment was sent to all Executive Members asking for any justified objections to the making of an offer to be submitted to the Assistant Director of Human Resources. No objections were received.

A conditional offer had been made to the successful candidate, subject to the approval of Full Council.

The recommendations were **MOVED** by Councillor Helen Howell and **SECONDED** by Councillor John McGhee.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) George Candler be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and Head of Paid Service with effect from 29th May 2023; and
- (ii) That a salary of £174,475 would be paid for the duration of the interim appointment, in accordance with the Council's agreed Pay Policy.

239 Close of Meeting

Meeting closed at 7:22 pm.

Chair

Date

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm