



Meeting: Council

Date: Thursday 26th October 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.

Agenda

Item	Subject	Page no.
01	<p>Apologies</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
02	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 31st August 2023</p> <p>The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 31st August 2023 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	9 - 24
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 style="padding-left: 40px;">To consider public statements received in accordance with public meeting procedure rule 15.</p> <p>(ii) Public Questions</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">To consider public questions received in accordance with public meeting procedure rule 16.</p> <p>(iii) Petitions</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">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		
08	<p>Motion Presented to Council on 31 August 2023 - Conclusion of Debate</p> <p>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. 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>Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Strategy Annual Report 2022/23</p> <p>To note the Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report 2022/23.</p>	25 - 61

10	<p>Revenue Budget Update 2023/24</p> <p>To seek council approval for the use of the Transformation Reserve to fund one-off revenue implementation costs of the Development and Regulatory Services Case Management Systems and the inclusion of ongoing annual revenue savings of the system into the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP).</p>	63 - 66
11	<p>Motions on Notice</p> <p>To consider motions received in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 18 as follows: -</p> <p><u>Motion 2 (From 31st August 2023)</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Anne Lee and seconded by Cllr Keli Watts:-</p> <p><i>“The Alfred East Art Gallery in Kettering has now been closed for two years for works to improve and maximise its potential. North Northants Council undertakes to keep councillors informed of progress made on repairing the roof of the building, and to request that the Executive progress the project with a view to reopen the Art Gallery by the summer of 2024 at the latest.”</i></p> <p><u>Motion 3 (From 31st August 2023)</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Jim Hakewill and seconded by Cllr Charlie Best:-</p> <p><i>“This council treasures the Library Service and the many events and personal well-being experiences provided by our libraries, whether in the Statutory or Community Managed Library (CML) family. Many of the assets of our libraries have been, and are today, shared across the entire County.</i></p> <p><i>Before any proposals for change in the way in which our libraries are funded, managed, and operated there must be a clear, compelling, financially sound, and customer-service-oriented business case, subjected to wide public consultation and full scrutiny by North Northamptonshire (and ideally, jointly, with West Northamptonshire) Councillor colleagues.</i></p> <p><i>This will ensure that everyone involved in running our libraries and everyone who benefits from the vast array of books and events will be able to confidently continue to enjoy the same services when visiting their local library in the future.”</i></p> <p><u>Motion 4 (From 31st August 2023)</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Emily Fedorowycz and seconded by Cllr Harriet Pentland:-</p> <p><i>“The River Nene is one of NNC’s most important assets in terms of tourism and ecology and, as such, needs proper guardianship.</i></p>	

	<p><i>The Environment Agency has primary responsibility for the River Nene. NNC is one of many that has riparian responsibilities and also an important role in flood management.</i></p> <p><i>This Council will:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask the Environment Agency (EA) to provide the current levels of pollution in the Nene River and North Northants waterways;</i> • <i>Continue to engage with the EA and Ofwat to understand what work is being undertaken in North Northamptonshire to protect waterways from pollution and consider options for ensuring the health of our waterways including, but not limited to, investigating Bathing Water Status for key leisure areas;</i> • <i>Continue to engage with the EA and Ofwat on the processes for feeding in reports of pollution incidents.”</i> 	
12	<p>Councillor Questions</p> <p>To receive questions from members (including those adjourned from 31st August 2023) in accordance with meeting procedure rule 17.</p>	
Urgent Items		
	<p>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.</p>	
13	Close of Meeting	
	<p>Adele Wylie, Monitoring Officer North Northamptonshire Council</p>  <p>Proper Officer Wednesday 18th October 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 23 rd 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 23 rd 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"> <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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