

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Council on Thursday 26 October 2023

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
8	Motion Presented to Council on 31 August 2023 - Conclusion of Debate	<p>Motion 1 - Housing</p> <p>That Council rejects the proposed motion, as set out on the agenda for the meeting.</p>
9	Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Strategy Annual Report 2022/23	<p>That Council:</p> <p>a) Approves the content of the Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report which gives an overview of the Corporate Parenting Board’s activities.</p> <p>b) Notes that the Northamptonshire Children’s Trust Corporate Parenting Strategy 2021-25 sets out four key priorities and the update on each areas progress contained in the annual report.</p> <p><i>Reasons for Decisions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To promote and monitor the Northamptonshire Children’s Trust Corporate Parenting Strategy;</i> • <i>In recognition of all Members and employees role as corporate parents;</i> • <i>Following consideration of the overview of the work of Northamptonshire Children’s Trust and in support of the discharge of Corporate Parenting duties.</i> <p><i>Alternative Options Considered</i></p> <p><i>Do Nothing – The Council has statutory duties as Corporate Parent for children in care and care leavers. Whilst the role of the Director of Children’s Services and Lead Member is defined in legislation there are wider corporate responsibilities on all staff and elected Members. Not approving the Corporate Parenting Annual Report would mean that the Council failed to deliver all or parts of its statutory responsibilities in this area.</i></p>

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10	Revenue Budget Update 2023/24	<p>That Council:</p> <p>a) Approves the funding for the following changes to the revenue budget:</p> <p>i) Development and Regulatory Case Management System (CMS) – approves a revenue budget of £600k in 2023/24 for the procurement and one-off implementation costs of a new CMS funded through use of the Transformation Reserve and approve the inclusion of ongoing revenue savings of £40.4k in 2024/25 onwards over the 5 years of the contract.</p> <p><i>Reasons for Recommendations:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expiry of incumbent contracts by 31st March 2024;</i> • <i>Benefits from a single CMS, service delivery improvements and process efficiencies.</i> <p><i>Alternative Options Considered:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Do nothing.</i> • <i>Do Minimal – replacement solution for Kettering.</i> • <i>New supplier single solution.</i>
11	Motions on Notice	<p>Motion 2 – Kettering Art Gallery</p> <p>That Council approves the following motion, as amended:-</p> <p>“The Alfred East Gallery in Kettering has now been closed for two years to improve and maximise its potential. North Northamptonshire Council will continue to keep</p>

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		<p>councillors informed of the progress made on repairing/replacing the roof of the art gallery building and the adjoining library roof. Also, it is requested that the Executive continue to progress the project with the view to open Cornerstone, and with it, the Alfred East Art Gallery as soon as practicably possible”.</p> <p>Motion 3 – Library Service</p> <p>That Council rejects the proposed motion, as set out on the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Motion 4 – River Nene</p> <p>That Council approves the following motion:-</p> <p>“The River Nene is one of NNC’s most important assets in terms of tourism and ecology and, as such, needs proper guardianship.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This Council will:</p> <p>Ask the Environment Agency to provide the current levels of pollution in the Nene River and North Northants waterways;</p> <p>Continue to engage with the EA and Ofwat to understand what work is being undertaken in North Northamptonshire to protect waterways and consider options for ensuring the health of our waterways including, but not limited to, investigating Bathing</p>

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		Water Status for key leisure areas; Continue to engage with the EA and Ofwat on the processes for feeding in reports of pollution incidents.”

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