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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A8</p>	<p>Selection and Appointment for Head of Paid Service/Chief Executive</p>	<p>That Council:</p> <p>a) Approves the appointment of Adele Wylie to the positions of permanent Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer for North Northamptonshire Council; with an agreed start date of 27 January 2024;</p> <p>b) That approval be given to appoint on a salary of £180,582, which is in accordance with the Council's agreed pay policy; plus returning officer/election fees, paid in accordance with the agreed legislative/local fees.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>These decisions have been made following a comprehensive, inclusive and thorough recruitment and selection process, in accordance with the constitution, to ensure that the right candidate is selected to undertake the statutory designation of Head of Paid Service and the Chief Executive role at North Northamptonshire Council.</i> <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The role of Head of Paid Service/Chief Executive is critical for the Council and is a statutory appointment which is required to be filled;</i> • <i>The Council could have decided not to permanently recruit to this role. However, the role is critical in leading the council forward to deliver the corporate priorities and ensure the best possible service and outcomes for our residents and communities.</i>
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A9	East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2	<p>That Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supports the content of the Part 2 Local Plan, (as set out in Appendix A to the report) to provide for its adoption; b) Delegates authority to the Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration, in consultation with the Assistant Director for Growth and Regeneration, to:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. make any minor alterations to the Plan, or its accompanying Policies Map, that relate to factual updates or typographical errors for the purposes of publishing the Plan to presentation standard; and; ii. prepare and publish the Local Plan Adoption Statement (Appendix B) and the Sustainability Appraisal Statement (Appendix C) and to fulfil any other duties, as required by Regulations 26 to 36 of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. <p>Reasons for Decision:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that the planning system should be genuinely plan-led. Succinct and up-to-date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area and a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social, and environmental priorities.</i> • <i>The Plan prepared by the Council was subject to thorough examination and has been modified as a result of the recommendations made by the Inspector, as set out in her report (Appendix D refers). The Council has previously consulted on a schedule of these Main Modifications (Appendix E) and has also made non-</i>

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		<p><i>substantive modifications to the plan during the examination, which are set out at Appendix F to this report. Corresponding changes to the Policies Map are also set out in Appendix G.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Subsequent to the adoption of the East Northamptonshire Local Plan Part 2, it will supersede all the saved policies from the 1996 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire, along with the extant policies from the 2011 Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Local Plan.</i> <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The options considered were either to adopt the Local Plan incorporating the recommended modifications, or to resolve not to adopt the Plan.</i> • <i>Adoption of the Plan would provide full coverage for Part 2 Plan policies across the whole of North Northamptonshire. If the Plan was not adopted this would put at risk the delivery of key policies guiding future, sustainable development proposals across East Northamptonshire area.</i>
A10	Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2024/25	<p>That Council:-</p> <p>Has considered the information as set out in the report and approves the proposed 2024/25 Local Council Tax Support Scheme which maintains the current 2023/24 scheme, allowing for the changes required to reflect the annual uprating of allowances and premiums and any statutory base legislation changes which are requires to be made to the scheme.</p> <p>Reason for Decision:-</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver a Local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25 that meets statutory requirements. <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council could choose to increase or decreased the minimum contribution payable to the customer. Decreasing the contribution would lead to a budget pressure and increasing the contribution would result in the scheme exceeding the breakeven requirement as detailed in section 7.1.2 and 7.1.3 of the report.
A11	Council Tax Base 2024/25	<p>That Council:-</p> <p>a) In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulation 1992, as amended, approves the amount calculated as the Band D equivalent Council Tax Base for the North Northamptonshire area 2024/25 shall be 115,847 dwellings as detailed in this report and appendices. This is an increase of 1,568 dwellings over the 2023/24 Tax Base, a 1.4% increase.</p> <p>b) Notes a Council Tax Collection rate assumption of 98.5% for 2024/25.</p> <p>Reason for Decision:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 requires the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Council Tax Base for its area by 31 January each year. <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None. The Council is required to set the Council Tax Base for 2024/25, as required

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		<i>by Section 33 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</i>
A12	Capital Budget Update 2023/24	<p>That Council:-</p> <p>Approves the funding for the following changes to the Capital Programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Kettering Library roof replacement and associated work to the roof of the Art Gallery – budget approval for £6.807m in 2023/24 which is to be funded from borrowing; and b) Isham Bypass – budget approval for a virement of £0.790m, £0.600m in 2023/24 and £0.190m in 2024/25 from the Integrated Transport Block budget for 2023/24 and 2024/25 to the Isham Bypass scheme. <p>Reasons for Decisions:- <i>These are set out in greater detail within section 5 of the report, but can be summarised as:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To enable the Council to continue to deliver its library functions within Kettering Town Centre; and</i> • <i>To meet the requirements of the Department of Transport in the development of the road scheme for the Isham Bypass.</i> <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Further detail in relation to alternative options considered by the Executive for the above schemes are set out in the reports presented to Executive on 16th November</i>

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		<p><i>2023, as referenced in Section 8 of this report; and</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The funding options are recommended in light of the capital resources available to the Council.</i>
A13	<p>Annual Report of the Service Delivery Contract between Northamptonshire Children's Trust and West and North Northamptonshire Councils 2022/23 and Update on the Annual Review</p>	<p>That Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes that the Annual Report contained at Appendices A-L to the report was completed in line with the service delivery contract; Notes that Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) in the Service Delivery Contract (SDC) have remained the same since the start of the contract with Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) and that the Annual Review, completed by Strategic Group in October 23, will consider and agree any amendments to the SDC, including changes to KPI's; Notes that any changes to the SDC would need to be agreed by all parties, presented to Children's Trust Joint Committee meeting for approval and once approved, be implemented by a Change Control to the SDC. <p>Reason for Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The arrangements to complete the Annual Review and Annual Report are set out in the SDC and provide a procedure through which the Councils can review the Service Delivery Contract and NCT's performance in delivering its functions.</i> <p>Alternative Options Considered</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Do nothing - Failing to complete the Annual Review or produce an Annual Report</i>

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		<i>would not be compliant with the SDC and would not allow the Councils to formally review the contractual arrangements with NCT and agree changes. It should be noted that the SDC contains a process for the Councils to propose changes outside of the Annual Review if required.</i>
A14	Motions on Notice	<p>Motion 1 – Twinning Relationships</p> <p>That Council rejects the proposed motion, as set out on the agenda for the meeting.</p>

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