



Meeting: Council

Date: Thursday 7th March 2024

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 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 meetings held on 25th January 2024 and 22nd February 2024</p> <p>The minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 25th January 2024 and 22nd February 2024 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	7 - 26
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		
08	<p>Pay Policy Statement 2024/25</p> <p>To approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2024/25.</p>	27 - 38
09	<p>Political Balance on Council Committees</p> <p>To approve the revised allocation of seats for committees.</p>	39 - 48
10	<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 Emily Fedorowycz and seconded by Cllr Dez Dell -</p> <p><i>“This Council believes that every North Northants resident should have access to green spaces and recognises the importance of public access to these spaces for community well-being. This Council strives to achieve and advocate for everyone to have access to green space or water within a 15-minute walk from their home as set out in the National Environmental Improvement Plan. This Council further acknowledges the benefits of green spaces for physical and mental health.</i></p> <p><i>This Council resolves:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. To ensure all North Northants residents have easy access to quality green spaces.</i> <i>2. Will take steps to protect and enhance our green infrastructure.</i> <i>3. To explore integration of access to green spaces as part of the development of the Urban Green Space Strategy.</i> <i>4. That the relevant EAP is made aware of the opportunity to apply to be a new national forest, and consider if this aligns with our strategy for green spaces.”</i> <p><u>Motion 2</u></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Jim Hakewill and seconded by Cllr Charlie Best-</p> <p><i>“This council welcomes the improvements achieved by Northamptonshire Children’s Trust Fostering Agency to being rated as “Good” following Ofsted’s January 2024 inspection.</i></p> <p><i>As corporate parents it is reassuring that our friends and colleagues at the Trust are succeeding in protecting and enriching the lives of</i></p> 	

	<p><i>children and recognising the amazing role of Foster carers.</i></p> <p><i>This Council calls on the Leader of the Council to write to the Chief Executive of the Northamptonshire Children's Trust to reinforce the Councils commitment to supporting it in continuing to move forward positively".</i></p>	
11	<p>Councillor Questions</p> <p>To receive questions from members 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>	
12	<p>Close of Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sanjit Sull, Monitoring Officer North Northamptonshire Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proper Officer Wednesday 28th February 2024</p>	

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Public Participation

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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.	5:00pm Monday 4 th March 2024												
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.	5:00pm Monday 4 th March 2024												
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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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.

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