

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Council on Thursday 7 March 2024

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Item 8	Pay Policy Statement 2024/25	<p>That Council:-</p> <p>a) Approves the Pay Policy detailed in Appendix A of the report; and</p> <p>b) Delegates to the Chief Executive the making of any in-year amendments to the Pay Policy Statement that may be required to complete the Pay Data and Chief Executive Remuneration relative to other Council Employees after 1st April 2024, when the Green Book pay award is agreed.</p> <p><i>Reasons for Decision: -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is a statutory requirement under the Localism Act 2011 for the Authority to approve and publish a Pay Policy Statement;</i> • <i>Due regard has been given to the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and associated guidance issued or approved by the Secretary of State, in setting out this Pay Policy Statement.</i> <p><i>Alternative Options Considered:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>It is a statutory requirement that Council approves and publishes a Pay Policy Statement and therefore no alternative options were considered.</i>
Item 9	Political Balance on Council Committees	<p>That Council:-</p> <p>a) Approves the revised distribution of seats across the political groups for ordinary committees and area committees, as set out in Addendum Appendix A, recommendations a) and b);</p> <p>b) Notes the following changes in the leadership arrangements of the recognised</p>

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		<p>political groups for the municipal year 2023/24:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Leader of the Green Alliance Group – Councillor Charlie Best; • Leader of the Independent Alliance Group – Councillor Cedwien Brown; • Deputy Leader of the Independent Alliance Group – Councillor Jim Hakewill. <p>c) Notes that in accordance with the Council’s Scheme of Delegation, any changes to places on committees arising from the new political balance will be made by the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the leaders of the political groups represented on the Council.</p> <p><i>Reason for Decisions: –</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To ensure that the revised political balance of the Council is applied to the governance structure of the Council, in accordance with law and approved guidelines contained in the Council Constitution.</i> <p><i>Alternative Options Considered:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>None, as the revised political balance calculation is required to be reported to full Council under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.</i>
Item 10	Motions on Notice	<p>Motion 1 – Green Spaces</p> <p>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</p>

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		<p>benefits of green spaces for physical and mental health.</p> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure all North Northants residents have easy access to quality green spaces; 2. That it will take steps to protect and enhance our green infrastructure; 3. To explore integration of access to green spaces as part of the development of the Urban Green Space Strategy; and 4. That the relevant Executive Advisory Panel 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. <p>Motion 2 - Fostering</p> <p>This Council welcomes the improvements achieved by Northamptonshire Children’s Trust Fostering Agency to being rated as “Good” following Ofsted’s January 2024 inspection.</p> <p>As corporate parents it is reassuring that our friends and colleagues at the Trust are succeeding in protecting and enriching the lives of children and recognising the amazing role of Foster carers.</p> <p>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.</p>