

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Shared Services Joint Committee on Wednesday 17 January 2024

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A6</p>	<p>Commissioning Healthwatch in Northamptonshire</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director of People Services and Director of Public Health & Wellbeing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission a separate more local North Northamptonshire Healthwatch and a West Northamptonshire Healthwatch services, that will have the interests of its own population served. • Each authority reviews their service specification to include Healthwatch England’s current recommendations and any revised national quality framework. • The guidance states that local authorities should establish a contractual arrangement with an independent organisation that should be a social enterprise that delivers Healthwatch activity. Social Enterprises are defined as: <i>Community Interest Companies (CICs), Industrial and Provident Societies (IPSs) or Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs).</i> • The recommended financial model for Healthwatch asks councils to provide additional funding to bolster the core grant. A 12-month waiver would offer each authority time to re-assess the contract value as they develop their own model. <p><u>Reasons for Recommendation</u></p> <p>To ensure that each council has appropriate Healthwatch arrangements in place which have the interests of its own population served.</p>
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		<p><u>Alternative Options Considered</u></p> <p>The only alternative would be the existing model, that both councils had the intention of moving away from.</p>
<p>A7</p>	<p>Options Appraisal for Recommissioning Public Health Services for Children and Young People and Integrated Sexual Health Services</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) For services described in the report that are currently commissioned jointly by NNC and WNC, to continue to be commissioned in this way until 31 March 2025. (ii) For joint commissioning arrangements to cease of 31 March 2025, with both NNC and WNC commissioning and procuring services independently from this point onwards. <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <p>The separate recommissioning of these services will ensure that the process meets the statutory duties of both NNC and WNC and provides an opportunity to improve and transform the current services and target more resources locally where they are needed, especially in those areas most in need.</p> <p>Both NNC and WNC have sufficient commissioning staff and time to increase market interest, by carrying out soft market testing creating competition, and opening up dialogue with current, new and emerging providers through market engagement events. These may be different in NNC compared to WNC.</p> <p>Commissioners will ensure that engagement and involvement of current service users, families, practitioners and providers are considered to develop the service model and pathway for Children and Young People services.</p>

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		<p>Commissioners will ensure that the Children and Young People services are better aligned with current services in different parts of Northamptonshire (e.g. integrated Family Hub ambitions (hub and spoke) and the youth offer).</p> <p><u>Alternative Options Considered</u></p> <p>To maintain the existing commissioning arrangements.</p>
A8	Inter Authority Agreement - 2023/2024 Quarter 2 Performance Report	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>To note the Quarter 2 performance report, as shown in Appendix A.</p>

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