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**Meeting:** Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel  
**Date:** Thursday 9th December, 2021  
**Time:** 9.30 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP

## To Members of the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel

Councillors David Brackenbury (Chair), Valerie Anslow, Mark Dearing, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Steven North and Kevin Thurland

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## **Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel**

At 9:30am on Thursday 21 October 2021

Held in the Kasen Room, Cedar Drive Thrapston NN14 4LZ

### **Present:**

#### Members

Councillor David Brackenbury (Chair)

Councillor Mark Dearing

Councillor Barbara Jenney

Councillor David Jenney

Councillor Steven North

Councillor Kevin Thurland

#### Officers

Simon Richardson – Interim Planning Policy Lead Manager

Paul Woods – Senior Planning Officer

Carol Conway – Housing Strategy and Delivery Manager

Dez Tanser – Housing Strategy and Enabling Officer

Louise Tyers – Senior Democratic Services Officer

#### Also present

Nigel Moore - Opinion Research Services (ORS)

### **30. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Valerie Anslow.

### **31. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair invited those who wished to do so to declare interests in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations were made.

### **32. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2021 were approved as a correct record.

### **33. TRESHAM GARDEN VILLAGE – HOUSING NEEDS STUDY 2021**

The Chair welcomed Nigel Moore from Opinion Research Services (ORS) to the meeting.

The Panel considered a report of the Housing Strategy and Delivery Manager, which provided details on the Tresham Garden Village Housing Needs Study 2021. The report was marked as agenda item 4 on the agenda. The report was supported by a presentation from ORS.

The Panel was informed that Tresham Garden Village (TGV) was a proposed new Garden Village development on the site of Deenethorpe Airfield. The study had been undertaken by ORS and Three Dragons to inform housing needs associated with the TGV Development.

During discussion, the following principal points were noted:

- i. There had been a notable change in house prices in the study area with properties increasing in price, including closing the gap with the national average house price, also with a significant premium on new build dwellings.
- ii. The data modelling had assumed that TGV would deliver 1500 or 1900 dwellings. 1500 was the minimum number needed to meet the requirements of Homes England as a Garden Village. A viability study had stated that a (policy compliant) scheme of 1500 dwellings was not viable, albeit one at 1900 dwellings could work (inclusive of policy requirements) if Homes England funding (grant rather than loan) could be secured for up-front infrastructure. The 1900 dwellings scheme was therefore included in the ORS report to reflect these viability headlines for expediency.
- iii. Aspiration had not been factored into the affordable housing sector, but the market housing sector did have potential for aspirational development.
- iv. Stakeholder feedback was that the custom and self-build target of 20% of the development was ambitious, but something the Government was keen to promote, in support of small/medium housebuilders, dependent on viability.
- v. Work on TGV had not progressed for a while and engagement needed to start with Members on how to take the project forward. The agreed Masterplan may need to be updated and perhaps needed to be supported by the development of a Supplementary Planning Document.

The Chair thanked Nigel Moore for attending.

**RESOLVED** that:

The contents of the Housing Needs Study and the presentation provided by Opinion Research Services be noted.

### **34. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

The Panel considered a report of the Interim Planning Policy Lead Manager, which provided details of a proposed draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for North Northamptonshire Council. The report was marked agenda item 5 on the agenda.

It was a requirement for planning authorities to have in place an SCI which set out the broad consultation parameters for development plans and significant planning applications. There were currently two SCIs covering North Northamptonshire, one on behalf of the former borough and district councils and one for the former County Council. Therefore, there was a requirement for a new single SCI for North Northamptonshire.

During discussion, the following principal points were noted:

- i. The guidance on the development of Neighbourhood Plans was welcomed.
- ii. It was considered that the document, attached at Appendix A to the report, should include reference to the following:
  - a. Paragraph 2.18 – include that there may be circumstances where consultation may be less than six weeks;
  - b. Paragraph 3.2 – include a definition of outline planning applications, which determine the principle of development and reference the increasing amount of development falling within the definition of permitted development;
  - c. Paragraph 3.3 – add a note that planning advice should be sought prior to making an application to avoid retrospective applications;
  - d. Include a paragraph to explain role of application case officers in interpreting policy and the weight to be given when considering individual applications;
  - e. Add a paragraph to explain that some Neighbourhood Plans are being reviewed and the availability of grant funding through Locality;
  - f. Clarify that to be successful at referendum there needs to be more than 50% of those voting to have voted in favour.
- iii. Signposting town and parish councils to the support on offer may encourage more councils to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan. Appendix 1 to the document should therefore include a paragraph to explain the support available to town and parish councils when updating an approved Neighbourhood Plan.

**RESOLVED** that:

Subject to the comments made, the Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) be endorsed for public consultation.

*Reason for recommendation: To ensure the Council moves towards having an adopted SCI in place in line with government legislation.*

**35. Close of Meeting**

The Chair thanked members, officers and the public for their attendance and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.23am.

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Chair

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Date

## PLANNING POLICY EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANEL 09 December 2021

Report Title	North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme
Report Author	Simon Richardson - Interim Planning Policy Lead Manager <a href="mailto:simon.richardson@northnorthants.gov.uk">simon.richardson@northnorthants.gov.uk</a>
Relevant Executive Member	Councillor David Brackenbury – Executive Member for Growth & Regeneration

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#### Appendix A – Draft Local Development Scheme

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To consider the North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme, ahead of its presentation to the Executive Committee.

##### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 The Council is required by legislation to prepare and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). An LDS is a project plan providing a timetable for the preparation of documents that make up the area's Development Plan.
- 2.2 The LDS provides detailed timetables for the Council's next programme of Development Plan Documents, including the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan, a Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy, and the remaining stages of the Part 2 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire. Discussions with regards to a review of policies making up the North Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan are on-going. On that basis this LDS only raises that a review of policies will be undertaken, but minerals and waste will not be covered in this version of the LDS. The LDS provided additional information for the reader to understand where Neighbourhood Plans are in preparation.
- 2.3 The LDS is attached at Appendix A.

##### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1 It is recommended that the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel consider the Draft Local Development Scheme (LDS) and, subject to any comments/observations on its content, agree that the Draft LDS be advanced to the Executive Committee for consideration.

### Reason for Recommendation:

- 3.2 To provide Member input into the timetable for the programme of plans identified in the Local Development Scheme; and to ensure the Council meets its obligation to publish an up-to-date LDS, to meet its requirement as a local planning authority.

## **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1 A Local Development Scheme (LDS) is a project plan setting out the timetable for the preparation of documents that in this case make up the North Northamptonshire Development Plan. In previous years, the LDS was made collaboratively with each of the North Northamptonshire sovereign authorities and the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning & Delivery Unit preparing their own contributions, to be fed into a single document. Each authority and the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee would adopt their individual elements. Now that North Northamptonshire Council is formed, the LDS will only need to be presented to this single authority for adoption.
- 4.2 Northamptonshire County Council would previously prepare and adopt its own LDS. Now the Minerals & Waste planning function falls within North Northamptonshire Council's remit, a new North Northamptonshire LDS should also include this planning area as well.
- 4.3 The Development Plan for North Northamptonshire is made up of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (adopted July 2016); some saved policies from old Local Plans; other area-based Local Plan policy documents; Part 2 Local Plans; the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update (adopted July 2017); and various Made Neighbourhood Plans. Once adopted, other Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans prepared by Neighbourhood Plan Groups will also be included within the Development Plan.
- 4.4 Section 15(1) of the 2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act requires that the *"local planning authority must prepare and maintain a scheme to be known as their local development scheme"*. Legislation simply requires that the LDS is brought into effect and published by the Local Planning Authority. To achieve this, two actions need to be carried out:
- i. the Council should resolve that the LDS is to have effect; and
  - ii. it should specify the date from which the LDS is to have effect.
- 4.5 It is believed the Council's constitution requires that the LDS be adopted by Full Council, however this is being investigated. As such, it is proposed that Members of the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel consider the content of the LDS, before the Executive Member for Growth and Regeneration present it to the Executive for final comment, and Full Council to be adopted. The Council will continue to publish updates to the plan-making timetable on its website.



## **Local Development Scheme**

- 4.6 The purpose of the LDS is to provide a timetable against which the documents making up the Council's Development Plan can be viewed, allowing any parties interested in taking part in the preparation of the Plan to be notified of the programme and to be involved in its development.
- 4.7 It is considered important to ensure the Council is complying with the necessary tests, by agreeing and publishing a revised LDS.

## **North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan**

- 4.8 Members will be aware that the Joint Core Strategy is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for North Northamptonshire, providing strategic allocations and the strategic direction for development across the wider area. The Joint Core Strategy will be reviewed/updated through the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will focus on strategic matters which will, as a minimum, meet the requirement set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, to have a plan that addresses the strategic priorities for the area. The Joint Planning Committee previously agreed that the statutory plan period should be 2021-2041 with the Vision extended to 2050 to align with the Arc Spatial Framework. A separate report has been prepared on this agenda seeking member feedback on the scope of the Strategic Plan.
- 4.9 A summary of the timetable for the Strategic Plan is provided below:
- Issues/scope Consultation - March 2022
  - Options Consultation - November 2022
  - Draft Plan Consultation - June 2023
  - Publication Plan Consultation - November 2023
  - Submission to the Secretary of State - April 2024
  - Examination - September 2024
  - Inspector's Report - April 2025
  - Adoption - September 2025

## **Part 2 Local Plans**

- 4.10 Each of the sovereign authorities had been progressing their own Part 2 Local Plan policies for their areas. The Borough Council of Wellingborough adopted its Part 2 Plan in February 2019; the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby was adopted in September 2021; and the Part 2 Local Plan for Kettering will be presented to Full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 for adoption. The Part 2 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire was Submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2021. The Examination hearing sessions are expected to be held in March 2022. The anticipated timetable for the Part 2 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire is provided below:
- Examination - March 2022
  - Inspector's Report - September 2022
  - Adoption - December 2022

## **North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy**

- 4.11 A Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for North Northamptonshire was published in March 2019. Members have indicated the desire that addressing gypsy and traveller accommodation needs should be considered on a North Northamptonshire basis. As such, with the results of the GTAA forming the basis, it is proposed to investigate a series of initiatives aimed at delivering against the identified need. This will be initiated by commissioning the authors of the GTAA to undertake further interviews with those families with an identified need, and those who did not take part in the first survey, but a proportional need was assumed. Options for making provision, which will be properly assessed through the development plan process and planning applications, could include existing site extensions, site intensifications, potential enforcement of sites occupied by non-travellers, and new site provision.
- 4.12 In advance of early public engagement, officers will take the evidence and background work gathered and, working with specialist consultants, prepare material to form a consultation on the options available for provision. The projected timescale for the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy is set out below:
- Early stakeholder and community involvement - June 2022
  - Draft Plan Consultation - April 2023
  - Publication Plan Consultation - Sept 2023
  - Submission to the Secretary of State - February 2024
  - Examination - June 2024
  - Inspector's Report - Sept 2024
  - Adoption - December 2024
- 4.13 It is acknowledged that local plan policy development may be necessary in other topic areas, town centres being one. The LDS is only required to address timescales for Development Plan Documents, therefore only addresses the timescales for those Plans set out in this report. It is worth noting that the preparation of Development Plan Documents is just one element of the programme of work undertaken by the Planning Policy team. Prioritising these and other work streams is challenging whilst the full resources available to the team are unclear, and the Council reviews the staffing structure and full work programme to match. It is however possible to review the LDS at a future date.
- 4.14 The proposed draft LDS is attached at Appendix A. Members of the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel are asked to review the LDS, suggest any amendments, and agree the draft LDS to be reported to be endorsed by Members of the Executive, before being adopted by Full Council.

## **5. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **5.1 Resources and Financial**

- 5.1.1 There are no specific resources or financial implications arising from this report. The costs of progressing each of the Local Plan documents is accounted for with the Planning Policy budget.

## **5.2 Legal**

5.2.1 The LDS is required under Section 15(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Formulating the timetables within the LDS, keeping them up-to-date, and making it publicly available on the Council's website will ensure that the Council complies with the necessary tests in preparing a Local Plan for Examination.

## **5.3 Risk**

5.3.1 The risks from setting out an LDS is often associated with that of slippage to those plans identified within it. Every effort has been made to be as realistic as possible, yet also challenge the programme in terms of progress. Causes of delay are varied but can include loss of key staff, time appointing consultant input; complexity of evidence; expansive consultation responses and complexity; planning reforms; progress with the Oxford-Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework; competing priorities; to name but a few. It is also recognised that some issues of developing policy may need to be added to the LDS, the fact that these are not included within this one does not mean they cannot be added in the future, it just means a timetable has not been identified yet.

5.3.2 In March 2020, the Government set a 'clear deadline' of December 2023 for all authorities to have up-to-date Local Plans in place. Government can intervene in Local Plan processes where they consider there is a lack of progress being made, plans are out of date, or there are high housing pressures and intervention would have an impact. It is considered that the risk of this is very low in North Northamptonshire. There will be a package of up-to-date Part 2 Local Plans in place and substantial progress will have been made in preparing the Strategic Plan within the wider context of the Arc Spatial Framework. As previously discussed by the Joint Planning Committee, a significant number of policies in the Joint Core Strategy are still considered to be working effectively in the development management process.

## **5.4 Consultation**

5.4.1 No consultation is necessary in agreeing an LDS, consultation is however a fundamental part in the development of each of the Development Plan Documents.

## **5.5 Consideration by Scrutiny**

5.5.1 Comments/observations on the content of the draft LDS will be made by Members of this Executive Advisory Panel and considered for inclusion in subsequent versions ahead of adoption.

## **5.6 Climate Impact**

5.6.1 Climate change will play a fundamental consideration throughout the preparation of those Development Plan Documents, and Neighbourhood Plans, identified within the LDS.

## 5.7 **Community Impact**

- 5.7.1 The Local Development Scheme has limited direct community impact, but the Development Pan Documents and the timetables contained within it do. Consultation with the community will be a significant part of the development of those documents.

## 6. **Background Papers**

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- 6.1 North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) – March 2019  
[https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18695/north\\_northamptonshire\\_gt\\_aa\\_march\\_2019](https://www.kettering.gov.uk/downloads/file/18695/north_northamptonshire_gt_aa_march_2019)

# North Northamptonshire Council

## **Draft** Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2022 - 2025

*Draft Version for discussion by the Planning Policy  
Executive Advisory Panel  
9 December 2021*



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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) requires local planning authorities to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The purpose of the LDS is to enable the local community to identify the timetable for the preparation of planning documents prepared in their area. This will be the first LDS prepared by North Northamptonshire Council.
- 1.2 The new North Northamptonshire Council came into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Immediately prior to this an LDS was prepared and adopted by each of the sovereign authorities, the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning & Delivery Unit, and Northamptonshire County Council on Minerals and Waste matters.
- 1.3 This LDS covers a three-year period and sets out details of the Development Plan Documents (DPDs) that North Northamptonshire Council intends to produce, and the timetable for their production. It also includes an assessment of the roles and responsibilities of those involved in their production; a reflection on the relationship with Neighbourhood Plans and other documents; and an assessment of risks and contingencies as part of the programme to adoption.
- 1.4 The LDS will be kept up-to-date on the Council's website to allow local communities and other interested parties to keep track of the Council's progress, aware of critical phases of plan preparation, and alert to when the key stages will occur.

## **2 North Northamptonshire Development Framework – Current Position**

2.1 The North Northamptonshire Development Framework currently comprises the following:

### **Development Plan Documents**

- North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) (Part 1 Local Plan) - adopted July 2016
- Part 2 Plan for the Borough Council of Wellingborough - adopted February 2019
- Part 2 Local Plan for Corby – adopted September 2021
- Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan for Kettering Borough – planned for adoption December 2021
- Kettering Town Centre Area Action Plan - adopted July 2011
- Rural North, Oundle and Thrapston Plan – adopted July 2011
- Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update – adopted July 2017
- Saved Policies from the East Northamptonshire District Local Plan – adopted 1996
- Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Update - adopted July 2017

### **Other Development Framework Documents**

- North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement – agreed by the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel for consultation 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021
- North Northamptonshire Annual Monitoring Report – published annually
- Other local plan specific Annual Monitoring Reports for Development Plan Documents – published annually
- Local Development Scheme (this document)

2.3 The preparation of new documents will bring with it the need to review and update the content of this Local Development Scheme (LDS) however, changes to the content of documents or minor alterations to supporting mechanisms will not necessarily demand a review of the LDS.

### **Related Strategies**

2.4 The Council sits on groups formed to influence the Oxford-Cambridge Arc Spatial Strategy. New local plans, most notably the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan, will need to be in general conformity with the content of the Arc Spatial Strategy. The Council's Corporate Plan, due to be considered for approval by Full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 will influence Local Plans prepared by the Council.



### **3 Development Plan Documents – Future Position**

#### **North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy**

- 3.1 The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) was adopted in July 2016 and will cover the period 2011-2031. It was prepared by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit and adopted by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee. The JCS is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for the area, providing strategic allocations and the strategic direction for development across the North Northamptonshire area.
- 3.2 The Joint Core Strategy will be reviewed/updated through the preparation of what will be called the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan will focus on strategic matters which will, as a minimum, meet the requirement set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, to have a plan that addresses the strategic priorities for the area. It is proposed that the statutory plan period should be 2021-2041, with the vision extended to 2050 to align with the Arc Spatial Framework.

#### **East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2**

- 3.2 The East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2, like the Part 2 Local Plans for Corby and for Kettering Borough, is a legacy document in its final stages of preparation, planned for adoption by North Northamptonshire Council. All the Part 2 Local Plans will be intrinsically linked with the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, to read as one Local Plan.
- 3.3 The Part 2 Local Plan for East Northamptonshire was Submitted to the Secretary of State in March 2021. The Examination hearing sessions are expected to be held in February 2022.

#### **North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy**

- 3.4 A Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for North Northamptonshire was published in March 2019. Members have indicated the desire that addressing gypsy and traveller accommodation needs should be considered on a North Northamptonshire basis. As such, with the results of the GTAA forming the basis for that policy development. It is proposed to commission specialist consultants to undertake further survey work to better define identified need and undertake interviews with those families who did not take part in the first survey, but a proportional need was assumed. Specialist consultants will report on their updated findings, whilst also undertaking an exercise to make recommendations on a series of initiatives aimed at delivering against that need. Options for making provision could include existing site extensions, site intensifications, potential enforcement of sites occupied by non-travellers, and new site provision.
- 3.5 The projected timescale for the North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy proposes progress with evidence gathering and

background work, before undertaking early stakeholder and community involvement in June 2022.

### **Other Development Plan Documents**

- 3.6 Once an approach has been developed for how the Council should progress in preparing the North Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan, and any other Development Planning Documents, then a review of this LDS will be undertaken.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

- 3.8 The Localism Act 2011 introduced rights and powers to enable communities to get directly involved in planning for their area. Neighbourhood planning allows communities to come together through a parish council or formal neighbourhood forum and produce a neighbourhood plan. Neighbourhoods can decide what they want to consider in their neighbourhood plans. They may allocate land for development or influence the type and design of development that comes forward. Neighbourhood plans must however be in general conformity with National Policy and the strategic planning policies already adopted by the Borough Council. They should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies. They are also subject to an independent Examination and need to be approved by a majority vote in a local Referendum, before they can be Made (adopted).
- 3.9 North Northamptonshire Council has a large number of “made” neighbourhood plans within its area, and a significant number at various stages in their preparation. A list of the Neighbourhood Plans and their current status is provided below:

***(add in the developing LDS – update verbally)***

- 3.10 Any further “made” Neighbourhood Plans will also form a part of the Development Plan and will be used to assess and determine planning applications within the Plan’s designated area.

## **4. Other Documents**

### **Statement of Community Involvement**

- 4.1 A Draft North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) was presented to the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. At this meeting, Members made comment on the draft document, and endorsed it for public consultation. The SCI will be the first to be adopted by North Northamptonshire Council. The intention is that it set out the programme of community engagement in the preparation of local planning documents, minerals and waste matters and in considering planning applications for the area. It sets out how the community can become involved in influencing Local Plans and planning applications ranging from minor development proposals such as house extensions, to major housing, employment and retail schemes, and to minerals and waste plans and applications.

### **Community Infrastructure Levy and Planning Obligations**

- 4.2 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a standard pre-set charge which local planning authorities are empowered, but not required, to charge on all new developments over a minimum size. However, planning obligations through S106 Agreements remain a key means for ensuring that developments pay for infrastructure to make a development proposal acceptable in planning terms. None of the previous sovereign authorities prepared a CIL levy for their areas. The Government has resolved to remove pooling restrictions previously imposed limiting 5 planning obligations towards a single piece of infrastructure. Further guidance on these topic areas was published by the Government on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019, and further reforms to CIL are under review by Central Government. The Council will continue to monitor the situation before determining any further actions necessary.

### **Supplementary Planning Documents**

- 4.3 Supplementary Planning Documents are not required to be identified in the Local Development Scheme. It is however worth noting that Supplementary Planning Documents have already been adopted on an areawide basis for the following:

***LIST ALL NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SPDs***

### **North Northamptonshire Council Monitoring Report**

- 4.4 A North Northamptonshire Council Monitoring Report to measure progress made in delivering the policies contained within the Joint Core Strategy will continue to be published. Monitoring reports previously published by the former sovereign authorities on their various Development Plan Documents will continue to be reported annually. These reports all measure the effectiveness of adopted policies within specific Development Plan Document.

## **Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal**

- 4.5 Achieving sustainable development is at the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and planning system in general. Development Plans must be in general conformity with the NPPF. Therefore, the proposed Development Plan Documents will have to be subject to a Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating a Strategic Environmental Assessment). This will ensure that the social, economic and environmental effects of policies and allocations are understood, and fully taken into consideration. This is particularly important in the appraisal of reasonable options.
- 4.6 Development Plan Documents must also comply with the requirements of the European Community's Habitats Regulations on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (Directive 92/43/EEC, May 1992). An Appropriate Assessment will be prepared for each Development Plan Document, and along with the Sustainability Appraisal, will be subject to testing at the Examination into the Plans.

## 5 Delivery and Implementation

### Resources

- 5.1 In preparing the Development Plan Documents, the Council's Planning Policy Team will lead in the production of each of the documents. It also recognises the need to use consultant expertise to assist in producing various elements of the technical background work. The Council has retained sufficient budget for the work necessary to prepare the Development Plan Documents and will consider the need for a Planning Reserve within future budget allocations to account for the higher costs necessary to progress Plans through Examination.
- 5.2 Following the formation of the new authority, a strategy of service transformation is being carried out, including within the Growth and Regeneration service area, in which the Planning Policy function sits. This LDS will be a reference point when considering how the service area is structured.
- 5.3 The Planning Policy team will continue to work with its partners on issues of delivery and implementation. Including continued discussions with infrastructure delivery partners, developers, and seeking funding support from government bodies Eg. Department for Transport and Homes England.

### Risk Assessment

- 5.4 Production of the Development Plan Documents requires consideration of the potential risks involved in their preparation. In preparing this LDS, it was found that the main areas of risk relate to the following aspects:
  - **Staff turnover, retention and service restructure** – The Council officers will continue to work flexibly within the teams to ensure that resources are directed to areas where the greatest priorities require them. Plan preparation is a priority within the work programme. This will help to ensure that any loss of staff whilst positions are filled do not have a significant impact on timetables. Service restructure can be positive in resetting the focus of work priorities, but it is recognised it can also be unsettling for staff. It should also be recognised there is a shortage of qualified experienced town planners in the marketplace.
  - **Duty to Cooperate** – The Council will engage with other authorities and organisations to ensure it satisfies the Duty to Cooperate and prepares a Statement of Common Ground.
  - **Budget pressures** – The Council has identified a requirement to make quite significant efficiency savings over the next 3 years. It is reviewing how those savings can best be achieved, and the service maintained or improved. The Planning Policy is expected to contribute towards these savings. Helpfully, the budget is regularly monitored to plan and project for any efficiency opportunities and potential unexpected additional costs likely to be incurred in producing the Development Plan Documents.

- **Capacity of the Planning Inspectorate (PINS)** – Advanced notification of timetables will be provided to the Planning Inspectorate to assist them in ensuring a suitable Inspector is available, and arrangements that should any Examinations need to be held virtually, that the Council is able to respond to make provision for this.
- **Developing the Plans at Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel, and through Executive/Council** – Officers work closely with all Members, but in particular the Executive Member for Planning and regeneration. Effort is made to inform them of progress in preparing the Development Plan Documents, and to they have access to all the background information necessary to develop an understanding and foster a spirit of ownership of the content of each Plan.
- **Soundness of the Plans** – The Council will seek to minimise any risk to the assessment of “soundness” by informing The Planning Inspectorate of the on-going process and working alongside the Council’s designated planning solicitor throughout the process.
- **Legal Challenge** – As above, and in addition as each Plan develops the Council will work closely with its designated planning solicitor to reduce the risk of a successful legal challenge.
- **Programme Slippage** – The timetables set are considered challenging but also achievable. To seek to reduce the risk of slippage, the programme will be regularly monitored, and contingencies explored to keep the timetables on track. There will be the potential for slippage caused by factors out of the Council’s control.

### **Monitoring and Review**

- 5.5 The North Northamptonshire Annual Monitoring Report will monitor the progress of the LDS on an annual basis, reporting by December each year. An annual monitoring report will be prepared to report on the delivery of policies for each of the Development Plan Documents once each document is adopted.
- 5.6 The LDS will be reviewed within a minimum of three years from the adoption of this document.

**Schedule of proposed Development Plan Documents to be prepared and agreed by North Northamptonshire Council**

Document title	Status	Responsible authority	Brief description	Chain of conformity	Early stakeholder + community involvement	Consultation on Publication Plan	Date for submission to S. of S.	Proposed date for adoption
North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan	DPD	NNC	Policy framework providing the strategic direction and strategic allocations for North Northamptonshire	To conform with National Policy	Issues/Scope, Options and Draft March 2022 – June 2023	November - December 2023	April 2024	September 2025
East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2	DPD	NNC	Policy framework containing land allocations and site-specific proposals for the former East Northamptonshire Council area	To conform with the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy	January - March 2017	February – March 2021	March 2021	December 2022
North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Sites Allocation Policy	DPD	NNC	Identify projected need for gypsy and traveller accommodation and will seek to allocate land to provide sufficient pitch numbers to meet the identified need.	To conform with the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy	Early engagement June 2022 Draft April 2023	September 2023	February 2024	December 2024
North Northamptonshire Council Policies Maps	DPD	NNC	Illustration of policies and proposals on ordnance survey base.	To conform with all DPD documents	Continuously updated			

**Title: North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan**

<p><b>Document details</b></p>	<p><b>Role and subject</b> The North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan will provide the strategic framework for development and make strategic scale allocations for the area. It will be the strategic Part 1 Local Plan, providing the big picture for development for the period 2021-2041, with the spatial vision potentially extending to 2050 to align with the planned Oxford-Cambridge Arc Strategic Framework.</p> <p><b>Geographical coverage</b> The administrative unitary area of North Northamptonshire</p> <p><b>Status</b> Development Plan Document</p> <p><b>Chain of conformity</b> Emerging Oxford-Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework and National Policy</p>	
<p><b>Timetable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early stakeholder and community engagement</li> <li>- Draft Plan for consultation</li> <li>- Publication consultation</li> <li>- Submission to S of S</li> <li>- Examination</li> <li>- Adoption</li> </ul>	<p>April 2009 – December 2015</p> <p>June - July 2018</p> <p>December 2019 – February 2020</p> <p>May 2020</p> <p>October 2020</p> <p>March 2021</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for production</b></p>	<p><b>Organisation leading the process</b> Northamptonshire County Council</p> <p><b>Management arrangements</b> The North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel, reporting into the Executive. Adoption of the Plan will be considered by Full Council.</p> <p><b>Resources required to produce the DPD</b> Planning Policy Team, Growth and Regeneration Planning Policy budget</p> <p><b>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community</b> Refer to the North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (under review in December 2021).</p>	



## Title: North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy

<p><b>Document details</b></p>	<p><b>Role and subject</b> The North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy, when adopted, will form part of the statutory North Northamptonshire Development Plan. This document will explore projected need for gypsy and traveller accommodation throughout North Northamptonshire. It will seek to allocate land to provide sufficient pitch numbers to meet need identified through the Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) for North Northamptonshire, published in March 2019.</p> <p><b>Geographical coverage</b> The administrative unitary are of North Northamptonshire</p> <p><b>Status</b> Development Plan Document</p> <p><b>Chain of conformity</b> North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy</p>	
<p><b>Timetable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early stakeholder and community engagement</li> <li>- Draft Plan for consultation</li> <li>- Publication consultation</li> <li>- Submission to S of S</li> <li>- Examination</li> <li>- Adoption</li> </ul>	<p>June 2022</p> <p>April 2023</p> <p>September 2023</p> <p>February 2024</p> <p>June 2024</p> <p>December 2024</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for production</b></p>	<p><b>Organisation leading the process</b> North Northamptonshire Council</p> <p><b>Management arrangements</b> The North Northamptonshire Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Policy will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel, reporting into the Executive. Adoption of the Plan will be considered by NNC Full Council.</p> <p><b>Resources required to produce the DPD</b> Planning Policy Team, Growth and Regeneration Planning Policy budget</p> <p><b>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community</b> Refer to the North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (under review in December 2021).</p>	

**Title: East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2**

<p><b>Document details</b></p>	<p><b>Role and subject</b> The East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2, when adopted, will form part of the statutory North Northamptonshire Development Plan. The document will cover the whole of the former East Northamptonshire District area with the exception of issues addressed in the Joint Core Strategy. The Part 2 Local Plan will include the identification of sites for housing, employment, recreation, green infrastructure and other land uses. In addition, it will consider a masterplan for the Rushden east Sustainable Urban Extension identified as a broad location by Policy 33 of the Joint Core Strategy.</p> <p><b>Geographical coverage</b> The administrative Unitary area of North Northamptonshire</p> <p><b>Status</b> Development Plan Document</p> <p><b>Chain of conformity</b> North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy</p>	
<p><b>Timetable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early stakeholder and community engagement</li> <li>- Draft Plan for consultation</li> <li>- Publication consultation</li> <li>- Submission to S of S</li> <li>- Examination</li> <li>- Adoption</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing January – March 2017 November 2018 – February 2019 February – March 2021 March 2021 March 2022 December 2022</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for production</b></p>	<p><b>Organisation leading the process</b> North Northamptonshire Council</p> <p><b>Management arrangements</b> The East Northamptonshire District Wide Local Plan Part 2 will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by the Executive Advisory Panel, reporting into the Executive. Adoption of the Plan will be considered by NNC Full Council.</p> <p><b>Resources required to produce the DPD</b> Planning Policy Team, Growth and Regeneration Planning Policy budget</p> <p><b>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community</b> Refer to the North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (under review in December 2021).</p>	

**Title: North Northamptonshire Policies Maps**

<p><b>Document details</b></p>	<p><b>Role and subject</b> The policies maps will illustrate on an Ordnance Survey base map all the policies and proposals contained in development plan documents and any saved policies. It will reflect the Key Diagram in the Joint Core Strategy/Strategic Plan, and it will contain Insets showing the proposals within specific areas (e.g. sites subject to development allocation; Part 2 Local Plans; Area Action Plans; or sites to which policies apply for protection and/or enhancement).</p> <p><b>Geographical coverage</b> The maps will cover the administrative unitary area of North Northamptonshire.</p> <p><b>Status</b> Development Plan Document</p> <p><b>Chain of conformity</b> North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy</p>
<p><b>Timetable</b></p>	<p>The Policies Maps will be revised, where necessary, to reflect the up-to-date plan for the area whenever a Development Plan Document is adopted or a 'saved' policy ceases to be part of the Local Plan.</p>
<p><b>Arrangements for production</b></p>	<p><b>Organisation leading the process</b> North Northamptonshire Council</p> <p><b>Management arrangements</b> The Proposals Maps will be prepared, consulted upon, and managed by the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel, reporting into the Executive. Adoption of policies that appear on the Proposals Maps will be considered by NNC Full Council.</p> <p><b>Resources required to produce the DPD</b> Planning Policy Team, Growth and Regeneration Planning Policy budget</p> <p><b>Approach to involving stakeholders and the community</b> Refer to the North Northamptonshire Statement of Community Involvement (under review in December 2021).</p>



## PLANNING POLICY EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANEL 9 December 2021

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Scope of the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan</b>
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#### Appendix A – Draft scope of NN Strategic Plan (March 2021)

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. For the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel (PPEAP) to provide feedback on the draft scope of the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan (NNSP) that was previously endorsed by the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee and recommended to North Northamptonshire Council for inclusion in the North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme.

##### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1 The NNSP will be a key statutory document for North Northamptonshire Council (NNC). It will cover the whole Council area. The Plan will review and where appropriate replace the policies that address the strategic priorities for the area. The Strategic Plan will be supported by a combination of area-based or topic-based plans, and which could include reviews and updates of the Part 2 Local Plans.
- 2.2 The Joint Planning Committee (JPC) considered the draft scope of the NNSP at its 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 meeting, before endorsing the draft scope and potential timetable, and recommended this to NNC for inclusion in the North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme. It is important that North Northamptonshire Council have ownership of the NNSP from the start of the process. Feedback on the draft scope is sought from members of this Executive Advisory Panel to ensure that the Council owns and shapes the plan from the start.

##### **3. Recommendation**

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- 3.1 It is recommended that the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel note the content of the draft scope and provide any feedback to help shape the development of the Scope & Issues consultation document.

Reason for Recommendation:

- 3.2 To ensure that the Council owns and shapes the Strategic Plan from the start.

#### **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1 The North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS) was adopted in July 2016. It is the strategic Part 1 Local Plan for North Northamptonshire, providing the big picture for development across North Northamptonshire in the period 2011-2031 and ensuring that an up-to-date decision-making and investment framework is in place. It is being taken forward in more detail by the Part 2 Local Plans (of which the Council is advanced in developing a suite of adopted plans) and Neighbourhood Plans where these have been or are being produced.
- 4.2 To meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework<sup>1</sup> (NPPF), at its 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 meeting, the former JPC considered a report on the JCS review. The conclusion of the report was that the JCS did not require an immediate update, but that this should be kept under review, particularly in relation to progress on the Oxford-Cambridge Arc Spatial Framework (ASF). It was agreed that the new plan should be referred to as the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan (NNSP) and should cover the period 2020-2041, with the spatial vision potentially extending to 2050 to align with the Arc. A provisional timetable for updating the JCS was included within the report.
- 4.3 At the last meeting of the JPC on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021, a “handover” report provided members with an update on strategic issues and made recommendations to the Council on how strategic planning should be taken forward. This report discussed the national and sub-regional context, including the implications of the Arc Spatial Framework, and the scope and timetable of the NNSP. The report also proposed changing the statutory plan period to 2021-2041 from that previously agreed. The JPC endorsed the draft scope of the NNSP and potential timetable and recommended this to the Council for inclusion in the North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme, which will need to be published to outline the programme of development plan preparation. The [minutes](#) of this JPC meeting were reported to this Executive Advisory Panel on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021. The potential timetable for the NNSP has been updated in the report on the Planning Policy work programme elsewhere on this agenda.
- 4.4 The Strategic Plan will be a key statutory document for the Council. It will form the strategic part 1 Local Plan for North Northamptonshire, to be supported by a combination of area-based or topic-based plans, which could include reviews and updates of the Part 2 Local Plans. Feedback on the draft scope is sought from members of this Panel to ensure that the Council owns and shapes the plan from the start.

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<sup>1</sup> That policies in local plans and spatial development strategies should be reviewed to assess whether they need updating at least once every five years and should then be updated as necessary.

## 5. Issues and Choices

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### *Scope of the North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan*

- 5.1 The scope of the Strategic Plan will focus on strategic matters which will, as a minimum, meet the requirement set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, to have a plan that addresses the strategic priorities for the area. The Plan will help to deliver the priorities set out in other Council plans and strategies and will respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by the Oxford-Cambridge Arc. It will inform and be influenced by the development of the Arc Spatial Framework. The Strategic Plan will take forward the priorities for the Council set out in its Corporate Plan and provide the spatial dimension to it.
- 5.2 The rationale for the scope of the Strategic Plan was set out at paras 4.1-4.5 of the report to the Joint Planning Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 (Item 7). The draft scope of the Strategic Plan is provided at [Appendix A](#). It is important that the Council has ownership of the Strategic Plan from the start of the process. Member feedback is sought on the proposed scope and to identify any additional issues that should potentially be included. Officers have reviewed the scope and additional issues that have arisen since March 2021. It is considered that the scope of the Strategic Plan could provide greater emphasis on 'levelling up' and health & wellbeing and this will be incorporated into the consultation document.
- 5.3 Officers are currently drafting a consultation document on the scope and issues, which it is anticipated to be reported to the Planning Policy Executive Advisory Panel in February 2022. The document has been informed by feedback from the last Joint Planning Committee meeting, existing and emerging evidence, monitoring and the Corporate Plan. Feedback from the Panel will also inform the consultation document in advance of future public consultation.

### *Timetable for North Northamptonshire Strategic Plan*

- 5.4 The draft timetable endorsed by the Joint Planning Committee included consultation on scope and issues (Regulation 18) in Autumn/Winter 2021 with adoption in Summer 2024. Officers have revised the timetable for the Strategic Plan as part of the work programme which will be incorporated into the Local Development Scheme. It is considered that the Strategic Plan is well placed to influence and respond to key stages of the Arc Spatial Framework (reported to the [23rd September 2021](#) meeting of this Panel) and respond to any government planning reforms as they arise.
- 5.5 It will be important to keep the proposed timetable for the Strategic Plan under review. Changes which may impact on the timetable such as the availability of resources, the progress of the Arc Spatial Framework and associated evidence base; and the timetable and extent of any national planning reforms will continue to be monitored. Notwithstanding this, it is important to progress the Strategic Plan in a timely fashion. The first anticipated review will be following the analysis of feedback from the consultation on the scope of the plan and any key issues arising from the initial evidence base.

## *Background work and evidence base*

- 5.6 It is also prudent to update members on background work that is being undertaken to inform the Strategic Plan and the evidence base that will inform future policy.
- 5.7 The Housing and Economic Needs Assessment (HENA) and further evidence for the Special Protection Area (SPA) (Visitor Access study and Bird Disturbance study) will shortly be procured and consultancy briefs are being produced in relation to Climate Change and retail/town centres. The evidence base will be developed as the plan is progressed and will also utilise evidence commissioned for the Arc Spatial Framework.
- 5.8 It is expected that the formal 'Call for Sites' (CFS) will be launched in the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> December, allowing interested parties to submit potential sites for consideration through the Strategic Plan and other relevant workstreams (such as registers of brownfield sites). It has been decided to consult on the site assessment methodology and methodology for the Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) alongside the Call for Sites. This initial work, whilst resulting in a short delay from the intended launch in Summer 2021, should have several benefits including allowing easier analysis of sites moving forward and ensuring the HELAA is as robust as possible.

## **6. Implications (including financial implications)**

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### **6.1 Resources and Financial**

- 6.1.1 Sufficient resources will be needed to progress the Strategic Plan. An interim staffing structure is currently in place to commence work on the Plan. A permanent structure is under review, the outcome of this could affect the timetable of the Plan. The current anticipated budget necessary to commence work is allocated within the Council's budget.
- 6.1.2 The evidence base required to support the drafting of the Plan will require a number of studies, some of which will require external consultancy and specialist legal advice. The Plan itself will also require the Council to enter into a contract with the Planning Inspectorate to examine the Plan. Whilst it is difficult to anticipate the full costs of producing a plan, a work programme will be developed to forecast charges, particularly around the time of the Examination.

### **6.2 Legal**

- 6.2.1 The Strategic Plan will review and where appropriate replace the policies that address the strategic priorities for the area. When formally adopted, the Strategic Plan will form part of the Development Plan for North Northamptonshire to guide development alongside Part 2 Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.
- 6.2.2 The preparation of the Strategic Plan will need to comply with legal and regulation requirements set out in Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.



## 6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report. The main risks in preparing the Strategic Plan are:

- Maintaining progress to ensure that key stages are met to enable the Plan to proceed as efficiently as possible to Examination and adoption.
- Ensuring the availability of resources to allow the preparation process to proceed in line with the Local Development Scheme.
- Significant changes to national policy and sub-regional guidance.
- Ensure that the Strategic Plan satisfies the tests of soundness, namely that that the Plan has been positively prepared is justified, effective and is consistent with national policy

6.3.2 To help monitor ongoing progress, and to help inform decision making a comprehensive risk register and project plan will be prepared and maintained as part of this project

## 6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 Consultation will be undertaken on the scope & issues and other key stages of the Strategic Plan in accordance with statutory requirements, including the Statement of Community Involvement

## 6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

6.5.1 The draft scope will be used to gain feedback from Members of this Executive Advisory Panel. There is no identified need for wider consideration by scrutiny.

## 6.6 Climate Impact

6.6.1 The approach to climate change will be fundamental to the development of the Strategic Plan and is set out within the draft scope.

## 6.7 Community Impact

6.7.1 The draft scope seeks to ensure that existing and new communities in North Northamptonshire see real benefits from development. Consultation on the Strategic Plan as it progresses, and the evidence base to inform it, will inform the approach and how benefits can be maximised.

## 7. Background Papers

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7.1 EAP Planning Policy 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 [Report on Creating a Vision for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc](#) (Report Item 4)

7.2 [Minutes of the last meeting of the North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021](#)

7.3 [North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee Report of 2 March 2021 regarding Strategic Planning in North Northamptonshire](#) (Report Item 7)

7.4 [North Northamptonshire Joint Planning Committee Report of 25 July 2019 regarding the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Review](#) (Report Item 6)

7.5 [North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2011-2031](#), adopted July 2016

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## Appendix A - Draft scope of NN Strategic Plan as endorsed by JPC (March 2021)

To address the key strategic priorities for the area it is expected that the scope of the plan will include the issues set out below. This may be refined subject to national guidance and consultation feedback:

- **The spatial vision for North Northamptonshire** – extended to 2050 to reflect the ASF.
- **The approach to climate change** – setting the framework for the local response to the climate emergency, building on existing initiatives and setting priorities to deliver net zero carbon.
- **The spatial strategy for the distribution of development** – including the roles of settlements and the distribution of housing, employment, retail, leisure, and other commercial development. Cooperation will be needed with adjoining authorities to ensure cross boundary issues, including options for the longer-term growth of Northampton and development options for Bedford Borough are considered.
- **The housing requirement** – The number of new homes to be provided across North Northamptonshire and the distribution of these. Within this context, the size, type, and tenure of housing needed for different groups will be identified including the proportion of the overall housing requirement that should be affordable.
- **Economic growth** – An economic vision to strengthen and diversify the economy of NN, taking account of existing sectoral strengths, opportunities provided by the Oxford-Cambridge Arc and implications of Covid-19, including changes to working patterns. An overall jobs target for North Northamptonshire, distribution of this and identification of strategic locations for new employment land.
- **Town Centres** - Updated policy guidance and strategy for town centres and retail development taking account of the impact of policy changes and social/economic implications including Covid-19. This will focus on regeneration and supporting recovery from Covid-19 including opportunities for town centres to become community service hubs with increased leisure and residential space.
- **Strategic Infrastructure** – Key infrastructure projects that are required to deliver the strategy such as strategic transport schemes, utility networks and community facilities.
- **Strategic Development Locations and Opportunities** – Strategic sites that are key to the delivery of the spatial strategy will be identified in the Plan. The strategic site threshold<sup>1</sup> for the NNSP will be refined as the plan is progressed, including consultation on its scope. The location of these

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<sup>1</sup> The current threshold in the JCS is 500+ dwellings or 5+ ha of employment land. This will be reviewed taking account of the thresholds for development proposals to be considered by NNC's Strategic Development Management Committee.

sites will be a key consideration in the context of climate-change related risks and ensuring future development contributes towards a reduction in carbon emissions. The plan will define clear development principles for these areas. These will be the basis for design codes/frameworks.

- **Place shaping/sustainable development** – Key principles to ensure high quality development and sustainable places. The design and future sustainability of development will be a key consideration in the approach to climate change and the NNSP will set out a stronger approach to integrating land-use and transport considerations. This will include a review and refresh of the Protecting Assets policies in the JCS to ensure they are as locally distinctive as possible with increased emphasis on health and wellbeing. It may be necessary to harmonise the approach to open space/sports provision across NN and the broad criteria for the delivery of these.
- **Built & Natural Environment** – Key principles and measures to achieve environmental net gain including the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural, built, and historic assets. This will include natural capital benefits such as flood protection, recreation and improved water and air quality as well as ensuring appropriate measures for nationally and locally designated wildlife sites and priority habitats. The NNSP will seek to maximise the health and wellbeing benefits of nature and accessibility to it. Opportunities to enhance the green infrastructure network within NN and maximise its wider benefits and opportunities will be set out.



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## INTRODUCTION

This is the North Northamptonshire Council's Forward Plan. It is published pursuant to The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Its purpose is to provide the required 28 days notice of the Council's intention to take 'key decisions' and to hold meetings or parts of meetings in private. It gives advance notice of all the "key decisions" and "exempt decisions" which the Executive or another body or officer so authorised are likely to take over a four month period. The Plan is updated on a rolling monthly basis.

<b>The Members of the Executive are:</b>	
Councillor Jason Smithers	Leader of North Northamptonshire Council
Councillor Helen Howell	Deputy Leader of North Northamptonshire Council Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism
Councillor Helen Harrison	Adults, Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Scott Edwards	Children, Families, Education and Skills
Councillor Harriet Pentland	Climate and Green Environment
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Councillor Graham Lawman	Highways, Travel and Assets
Councillor Andy Mercer	Housing and Community
Councillor David Howes	Rural Communities and Localism

The concept of a "key decision" is intended to capture the most important or significant decisions. "Key decisions" will normally be made at meetings open to the press and public. The press and public will only be excluded from such meetings as and when the Council's Monitoring Officer considers that this is necessary in order to avoid the public disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

The authority has decided that a Key Decision is one which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the authority incurring expenditure of which is, or the making of savings which are, significant; or
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral wards in the area of the authority."

The Council has decided that significant expenditure or savings are those amounting to above £500,000.

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes North Northamptonshire Council will also have regard to any guidance for the time being issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000.

At times it may be necessary for the North Northamptonshire Council to give consideration to items where the public may be excluded from the meeting. Members of the public are excluded from meetings whenever it is likely that, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed. This includes exclusion from access to any pertinent documents. Details of the exemption categories can be found in the 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' section in the Council's [Constitution](#). This plan provides advance notice of any items which may be held in private.

Paragraph 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides for members of the public to make representations to the Council on why an exempt item should be considered in public, rather than in private. Persons wishing to make such representations and/or obtain further details in respect of any issues referred to in the Plan should contact the undermentioned officer.

The Monitoring Officer may also include in the Forward Plan references to such other decisions, which are to be taken by the Council or any of its Committees or Sub-Committee or officers as they consider appropriate. These will be those decisions that are considered to be significant or sufficiently important and/or sensitive so that it is reasonable for a member of the public to expect it to be recorded and published.

All general questions or queries about the contents of this Forward Plan or about the arrangements for taking key decisions should be raised with Ben Smith, Democratic Services.

Please email: [democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@northnorthants.gov.uk)

## November 2021

Subject of the Decision:	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Support documents (if any)
Capital Programme Update 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Finance	
Budget Forecast 2021/22 as at Period 6	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Finance	
Capital Monitoring 2021/22 - Period 6	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Finance	
Review of Dry Waste Recycling Contract	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Finance	
Household Support Fund: Proposed Distribution of Funds 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Major Road Network - Grant for Development Costs 2021/22 - A509 Isham Bypass	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	



Procurement of Contract for the Haulage and Treatment of Kerbside Collected Dry Recycling Material	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Food Safety and Food and Feed Standards Service Plan 2021-2023	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Bus Service Improvement Plan	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
North Northamptonshire Waste & Recycling Policy & Street Cleansing Policies	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Modern Slavery Statement 2021-22	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Council Housing Policy Update	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Treescape Funding	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Corby Town Investment Plan - Programme of Projects	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Procurement of a Single Revenue and Benefits ICT System for North Northamptonshire	Executive	Yes	No		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Finance	

Approval to Purchase Six Properties for Temporary Accommodation in Kettering	Executive	Yes	No Fully exempt		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Extension of Current Contract for the Processing and Treatment of Waste Wood	Executive	Yes	No Fully exempt		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Future Provision of Services Provided by Wellingborough Norse	Executive	Yes	No Fully exempt		18 Nov 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	

## December 2021

Subject of the Decision:	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Support documents (if any)
Budget 2022/23 & Medium-Term Financial Plan	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Finance	
Local Economic Recovery and Growth	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Procurement of Shared Parts and Materials Suppliers - Housing Property Services	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Gallery, Library and Museum Cafe Concession Contract	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Afghan Refugee Resettlement	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Extension of Current Contract for the Treatment and Disposal of Residual Waste	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Proposed amalgamation of Tennyson Road Infant and Alfred Street Junior Schools	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director – Children's' Services	

Extension of Current Contract for the Dry Recycling Disposal Services Contract (Wellingborough)	Executive	Yes	No		16 Dec 2021	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
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## January 2022

Subject of the Decision:	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Support documents (if any)
Budget Forecast Update 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director - Finance	
Capital Programme Update 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director - Finance	
Housing Development - Former Grange Methodist Church Site, Kettering	Executive	Yes	No Part exempt		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director - Adults, Communities and Wellbeing	
Community Asset Transfer Policy	Executive	Yes	No		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Asset of Community Value Policy	Executive	Yes	No		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Community Programme to Support Growing, Cooking and Eating of Healthy Foods	Executive	Yes	No		13 Jan 2022	Executive Director – Public Health	

## February 2022

Subject of the Decision:	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Support documents (if any)
Budget Forecast Update 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		10 Feb 2022	Executive Director - Finance	
Capital Programme Update 2021/22	Executive	Yes	No		10 Feb 2022	Executive Director - Finance	

## March 2022

Subject of the Decision:	Decision Maker	Is it a key decision?	Will it contain exempt information? /Reasons for exemption, if any	Consultation undertaken	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Support documents (if any)
Tree Strategy and Policy	Executive	Yes	No		17 Mar 2022	Executive Director - Place and Economy	
Pollinator Strategy	Executive	Yes	No		17 Mar 2022	Executive Director - Place and Economy	

