

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Executive on Thursday 13 January 2022

Issued: 14th January 2022

The following decisions in this notice were made by the Executive on Thursday 13th January 2022.

Any decisions identified below as a **KEY DECISION** will come into force and may be implemented on Monday 24th January 2022, unless the decision is subject to call-in, in accordance with section 18 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules within North Northamptonshire Council's Constitution.

Requests for Call-In

A request for call-in shall only be considered to be valid if signed by at least 8 members of the Council (10% of the total number of members) who are not members of the Executive. One of the requestors must identify themselves as the originator of the request and the request must specify the nature of the grounds relied upon. A call-in request must be in the form of a written notice submitted to the Monitoring Officer and received before the published deadline. Either one notice containing all required signatures or up to 8 separate e-mails (as appropriate) will be acceptable.

The notice must set out:-

- (a) the resolution or resolutions that the member(s) wish to call in;
- (b) the reasons why they wish the relevant Scrutiny committee to consider referring it back to the Executive, with particular reference to the principles of decision making set out elsewhere within this Constitution; and
- (c) the alternative course of action or recommendations that they wish to propose.

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Part A – Items considered in public

Item 5	Performance Indicator Report 2021/22 (Period 7 / October)	RESOLVED:- That the Executive: a) Noted the performance of the Council measured by the available indicators at
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		<p align="center">Period 7 for 2021/22 as set out in the appendices to this report.</p> <p align="center">b) Noted the approach that was being taken to develop the Council’s approach to benchmarking and comparative data.</p> <p>Reason for Decision: To better understand the Council’s performance as measured by performance indicators as at Period 7, 2021/22.</p>
Item 6	Afghan Refugee Resettlement	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <p>a) Approved the proposed approach regarding the use of the Local Authority Tariff set out in the report at paragraphs 5.4 - 5.15 to ensure that suitable accommodation, tenancy and community support can be provided to enable the successful resettlement of Afghan refugees under The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP) and The Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS) in North Northamptonshire.</p> <p>b) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in liaison with the Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing, to take any further decisions and/or actions required to appropriately resettle Afghan refugees in North Northamptonshire.</p>

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		Reason for Decision: To set a clear approach for how the Local Authority Tariff will be effectively used to support and help the integration of Afghan refugees into their local communities.
Item 7	Community Programme to Support Growing, Cooking and Eating Healthy Foods	<p>RESOLVED:- (KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the investment of £125,000 per annum of the public health grant for four years to develop a community programme to support growing, cooking and eating healthy foods. b) Noted that £125,000 per annum of public health grant will also be invested by West Northamptonshire Council in a similar programme. c) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Director of Public Health to issue community grants to enable the delivery of the programme.

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Item 8	North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That the Executive: Considered the Draft Local Development Scheme (LDS) and agreed that the Draft LDS be recommended to Full Council for adoption.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To agree a timetable for the programme of plan-making to be identified in the Local Development Scheme. b) The ensure the Council meets its obligation to publish an up-to-date LDS to meet its requirement as a local planning authority.
Item 9	Domestic Abuse Strategy	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive: Approved the Domestic Abuse Strategy 2022-2025 for adoption and implementation by the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Reasons for Decision: The Council will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comply with the new statutory duty as the report and draft strategy will be in the public domain.

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		<p>b) Support a co-ordinated response to Domestic Abuse improving services and outcomes for all those affected.</p>
<p>Item 10</p>	<p>Procurement of Short-Term Home Care Service</p>	<p>RESOLVED:- (KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <p>a) Approved an open tender procurement of a Short-Term Home Care Service to expedite hospital discharge and provide rapid response home care for those in crisis and at risk of admission to either hospital or residential care.</p> <p>b) Delegated to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director of Adults, Communities & Wellbeing (DASS), the authority to take any further decisions and/or actions required to conclude this procurement and award of the contract.</p> <p>Reasons for Decisions:</p> <p>a) The recommended course of action is the most cost-effective way of supporting hospital discharge for those with care and support needs and enables the Council to make informed decisions about its medium-term financial</p>

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		<p>plan.</p> <p>b) The recommended model encompasses a Discharge to Assess function which ensures the Council is compliant with the statutory “Hospital Discharge Service Policy and Operating Model 2020” and the “Local Government Association’s High Impact Model 2015”.</p> <p>c) The recommended approach delivers maximum benefit to individuals, the Council and other key stakeholders.</p>
Item 11	Procurement of a Countywide Carers Support Service	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <p>a) Agreed to commence an open tender procurement process for a countywide Carers Support Service.</p> <p>b) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing in consultation with the Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing, to take any further decisions and action required to conclude this procurement and award the contract.</p>

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		<p>Reasons for Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The recommended approach ensures compliance with the Care Act 2014 and the council’s statutory duty to provide assessments for carers and meet their assessed needs. b) That a jointly commissioned service supports the provision of an equitable service across the county. c) That delegated authority to award will ensure the service start date of 1st October 2022 can be achieved.
Item 12	Future Ways of Working Strategy	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That the Executive: Approved the Future Ways of Working Strategy attached at Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>Reason for Decision: The introduction of the Strategy will support the Council’s ambition to deliver excellent services, have a positive impact on climate change, support financial resilience and promote staff health and wellbeing. The Strategy consolidates the Council’s commitments to how it will work in the future.</p>

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Item 13	North Northamptonshire People Plan	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the People Plan attached at Appendix A to the report. b) Noted that the People Plan will be underpinned by detailed action plans to ensure that the impact and efficacy of the Plan can be measured and adapted as required. <p>Reason for Decisions: The People Plan is essential for providing clarity to the organisation and setting out key workforce priorities for the next 12-18 months. It ensures that the Council organises its workforce in an effective way for the short to medium term by having the right structures, people, and skills in place to deliver high quality services to its residents and communities.</p>
Item 14	Budget Forecast 2021/22 as at Period 7	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the Council’s forecast outturn position for 2021/22 and the associated risks and other considerations.

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		<p>b) Noted the assessment of the current deliverability of the 2021/22 saving proposals in Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>c) Approved the use of the Business Rates Retention Pilot project reserve to fund the feasibility works for the telephony infrastructure scheme as set out in paragraphs 5.76 to 5.80.</p> <p>d) Noted that the Council has been allocated £7.654m of grant funding for the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) as set out in paragraphs 5.84 to 5.86 and delegate authority to the Executive Member for Finance and Transformation in consultation with the Executive of Director of Finance to develop a discretionary scheme for the allocation of this funding.</p> <p>e) Noted the additional one-off grant funding to businesses with premises in the hospitality and leisure sectors in response to the Omicron variant as indicated in paragraph 5.87. This will be funded in full from Government S31 grant.</p> <p>f) Noted the third top-up of Government funding for the COVID-19 Additional Restrictions Grant to support business severely impacted by the pandemic as highlighted in paragraph 5.88.</p> <p>Reason for Decisions: To note the forecast financial position for 2021/22 as at Period 7 and consider the impact on this year and future years' budgets.</p>

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Item 15	Capital Programme Update 2021/22	<p>RESOLVED:-</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A change of £0.306m to the capital programme budget to fund a new scheme to enable the relocation of critical staff from One Angel Square (OAS) to North Northamptonshire based accommodation b) A virement of £0.306m from the Tithe Barn Road property project which is currently on hold pending wider asset review in order to fund the proposal. <p>Reasons for Decision: To relocate a number of staff from One Angel Square (OAS), Northampton into premises within North Northamptonshire. The aim is to do this around March/April 2022, subject to consultation. For a number of months staff now employed by North Northamptonshire Council have continued to operate from OAS and the proposals outlined in this paper will enable those staff to be relocated into premises within North Northamptonshire.</p>