

The following decisions in this notice were made by the Executive on Tuesday 22nd February 2022.

Any decisions identified below as a **KEY DECISION** will come into force and may be implemented on Thursday 3rd March 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

<p>Item 5</p>	<p>Performance Indicator Report 2021/22 (Period 9 / December)</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the performance of the Council measured by the available indicators at Period 9 for 2021/22 as set out in the appendices to this report. b) Noted the stance that is being taken to developing the Council’s approach to benchmarking, comparative data and revised Corporate Plan indicator set. <p>Reason for Decisions:– to better understand the Council’s performance as measured by performance indicators as at Period 9, 2021/22.</p> <p>Alternative Options Considered:– reporting performance data on a less frequent basis is an option but monthly reporting is considered useful at this stage of the Council’s existence, reporting alongside budget information.</p>
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Item 6	Procurement of Residential and Nursing Care Home and Respite Services for North Northamptonshire	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the procurement of residential and nursing care home services for adults predominantly aged 65 and over in accordance with the Contract Procedure Rules. b) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing (DASS), to take any further decisions and actions required to conclude this procurement and award the contract. c) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director for Adults, Communities and Wellbeing, to amend the Expected to Pay Rate mid-year, within budget constraints, to reduce more expensive spot placements.

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		<p>Reasons for Decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Dynamic Purchasing System will deliver a flexible contracting model that maximises opportunities for providers to work with the Council. Key benefits of this approach include reduced need for spot purchasing, increased oversight of commissioned providers and improved relationships with a wider market. • Commissioning of residential and nursing care home services ensures the Council fulfils its statutory duty under the Care Act 2014 to provide care and support with daily living activities for adults aged 65 and over. • Delegated authority to award will ensure the service start date of 1st September 2022 can be achieved. • Delegated authority to revise the Expected to Pay Rate mid-year will enable the Council to adjust its contracted rates, within the available budgets, ensuring they are more aligned to neighbouring authorities, the true cost of care and are more attractive to the market.

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Item 7	Proposed Amalgamation of Tennyson Road and Alfred Street Schools	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Authorised the commencement of the statutory process relating to the amalgamation of Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior Schools. b) Authorised the commencement of a consultation on the potential location of the proposed 'new' school. c) Noted that a follow-up report will be considered by the Executive following the first consultation. <p>Reasons for Decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures full transparency of the process being followed. • Allows for all interested parties to have their views heard and considered as part of the decision-making process. • Will evidence that appropriate steps are taken in line with statutory guidelines and within appropriate timescales. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allows executive to be further updated on the outcome of the consultation

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		<p>ahead of any further decision making.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is in accordance with the DfE legislation and policy on amalgamations. • Demonstrates to the governing bodies of each school that the council are progressing a shared solution in line with their request. <p>Alternative Options Considered:- Based upon the financial position and evidence of school performance it is not a viable solution to take no action to progress the consultation on the amalgamation.</p>

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Item 8	Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled North Northamptonshire schools for 2023 intakes and the Primary and Secondary Co-ordinated Schemes for the 2023 intakes	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed the admission arrangements as detailed in Appendix A of the report b) Agreed the two co-ordinated schemes for the 2023 intake as detailed in Appendix B and Appendix C of the report. c) Agreed the “Relevant Area” for all North Northamptonshire schools. <p>Reasons for Decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is the duty of admission authorities to determine the admission arrangements for all their schools annually. Revised PANs have been proposed in line with falling admission numbers. • It is the duty of local authorities to formulate and publish a co-ordinated scheme for the admission of pupils to all schools in the area. The amendment to closing dates for Primary and Secondary applications to remove the 5pm deadline allows parents to apply until midnight on the closing date making the process easier and fairer for parents. • It is the duty of local authorities to set the relevant area for its schools.

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		Alternative Options Considered:- All the above are statutory requirements.

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Item 9	Provision of school holiday food vouchers for children and young people eligible for benefits related Free School Meals (FSM) in future school holiday periods	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the funding of school holiday food vouchers for the 2022 Easter school holiday period at a cost of £306,000, from the ‘Household Support Grant’ received from central government for the purpose of providing financial support to vulnerable families during the pandemic. b) Approved the provision and funding of school holiday food vouchers for the 2022 May half-term period, at a cost of £153,000 from the ‘Household Support Grant’ received from central government for the purpose of providing financial support to vulnerable families during the pandemic, or if these funds have been fully used, that the May half term funding is met from the Council’s Covid reserve (which will be renamed ‘risk reserve’ next financial year’). <p>Reasons for Decisions:–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customers will receive the maximum benefit from the option proposed and it will provide support to financially disadvantaged residents of North Northamptonshire during school holiday periods. • The recommendation is consistent with previous decisions taken by the

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		<p>Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use of the 'Household Support Grant' for this purpose is compliant with the terms of the grant.

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Item 10	Central Area Growth Board Membership	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c) Agreed to North Northamptonshire Council formally being part of the Central Area Growth Board, on the basis of the Terms of Reference document at Appendix A of the report; d) Agreed that the Leader will be the representative of the Council on the Central Area Growth Board or a nominated deputy from the Executive; e) Agreed to the Council making a final contribution to the operation of the Central Area Growth Board of £5,000 for financial year 2022/23. <p>Reason for Decisions:- By becoming a full member of the Central Area Growth Board, the Council will be an active participant in contributing to the strategic agenda on items such as strategic planning, economic development, and infrastructure planning at a sub-regional level.</p>

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Item 11	Social Care Provision in Prisons in North Northamptonshire	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the use of social care funding to enter into a contract arrangement for the provision of Social Care support to meet the assessed needs of prisoners at HMP Five Wells. b) Agreed that the Council enter into an agreement with NHS England to vary the existing NHSE healthcare contract with PPG to include social care, utilising the flexibility afforded through the Public Contract Regulations 2015 Regulation 12, paragraph 7. c) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Adults, Health and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Executive Director of Adults, Communities & Wellbeing, to take any consequent decisions in relation to the contract.

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		<p>Reasons for Decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommended course of action is the most cost-effective way of meeting the Council’s statutory duty to assess and meet the eligible social care needs of the prison population anticipated for HMP Five Wells. • The recommended approach delivers maximum benefit to individuals, the Council and other key stakeholders. • Alternative courses of action have been considered in coming to the above recommendations. These alternatives are summarised in Appendix A of the report.

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Item 12	Kettering High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ)	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed to receive an additional £503,631 of Historic England High Street Heritage Action Zone funding, and to commit to the funding being invested to extend the public realm works in High Street before 31st March 2022; and b) Agreed to the extension of the Kettering High Street Heritage Action Zone boundary to incorporate Sawyer’s Almshouses and the Manor House Gardens in Sheep Street, Kettering. <p>Reasons for Decisions:–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formally accept the additional £503,631 grant offer by Historic England and confirm it will be invested in the project for which it was offered. • To commit to deliver the additional spend within the timescale conditional to the funding offer. • To work to optimise the investment for the longer-term benefit of Kettering town centre and its environment. • To enable Sawyer’s Almshouses and Manor House Gardens to benefit from

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		<p align="center">support from the High Street HAZ programme.</p> <p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To not accept the extra £503,631 from Historic England that allows NNC to extend the Public Realm works, was considered but rejected on the grounds that with the approved works ongoing it is better to extend them rather than come back should further funding arise. Also considered was that the funding does not require match funding from the Council. • To not extend the HSHAZ area would prevent any grant funding for the Almshouses. The financial requirement is low at present and should more be required there is an alternative means of funding this from Historic England that would not impact the HSHAZ budget.

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Item 13	Procurement of Contract for the Treatment of Collected Organic Garden Waste	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <p>a) Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets, in consultation with Executive Director of Place & Economy and the Executive Director for Finance, to commence and conclude a procurement process to identify a preferred bidder and enter into the legal agreements to appoint a preferred bidder for the provision of services relating to the treatment of collected organic garden waste.</p> <p>Reasons for Decisions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recommended course of action is the most cost-effective and enables the NNC to make informed decisions regarding its medium-term financial planning. • This option ensures the authority has a legally procured, compliant processor which demonstrates best value in respect of the treatment of NNC’s organic garden waste.

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		<p>Alternative Options Considered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending or modifying the existing contracts. This is not possible as the existing contractual arrangements do not have enough scope to include additional material yield from this activity. • Do nothing – This is not possible as it leaves the Council open to challenge and increases the risk that the Council will be left with either an unaffordable outlet, or limitations to the avenues for disposal of the material.

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Item 14	Update on Garden Waste Service	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed to conduct a public consultation regarding the future provision of a kerbside garden waste collection service. b) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets in consultation with the Executive Director of Place and Economy to finalise the content and timing of the consultation. <p>Reason for Decisions:- The proposed consultation will allow residents to share their views on the future provision of the service. This is particularly important given any decision will affect all residents, including those who do not require or need a garden waste service. Following consultation, the Executive will then be able to consider the responses and determine the nature of the future service.</p> <p>Alternative Options Considered:- The Executive could decide on the future provision of the garden waste service without consulting with residents. This option is not recommended as it will not enable residents to provide their opinions on this matter nor give the Executive analytical data on which to base their decision.</p>

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Item 15	Budget Forecast 2021/2022 as at Period 9	<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 as summarised in section 4, alongside the further analysis, risks and other considerations as set out from section 5 of the report onwards. b) Noted the assessment of the current deliverability of the 2021/22 saving proposals in Appendix A of the report. c) Noted the latest position on the contingency budget as referenced in paragraph 5.5 of the report <p>Reason for Decisions:– to note the forecast financial position for 2021/22 as at Period 9 and consider the impact on this year and future years budgets.</p>