

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Executive on Tuesday 22 June 2021

Issued: 23rd June 2021

The following decisions in this notice were made by the Executive on Tuesday 22 June 2021.

Any decisions identified below as a **KEY DECISION** will come into force and may be implemented on Thursday 1 July 2021, 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 if it is 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	School Minor Works budget to address condition issues in North Northamptonshire Maintained Schools Estate – 2021/2022	<p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>a) That the 2021/22 'School Minor Works' budget to rectify condition issues in North Northamptonshire Councils maintained schools to ensure the Council</p>
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		<p>continues to fulfil its statutory obligation of maintaining its school estate be approved;</p> <p>b) That it be noted that North Northamptonshire Councils allocation of ‘School Condition Allocation’ funding for 2021/22 has been confirmed by the DfE at £1,935,564 and that this grant funding will be utilised as the Councils ‘School Minor Works’ budget for 2021/22;</p> <p>c) That it be noted that any works undertaken under the ‘Schools Minor Works’ budget will be delivered as part of a rolling programme of conditions surveys at maintained schools in the Local Authority;</p> <p>d) That authority be delegated to the Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills in consultation with the Director of Childrens’ Services, to authorise all necessary legal, property and financial agreements to ensure effective delivery of condition schemes.</p> <p><i>(Reasons for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>The Council will continue to fulfil its statutory obligation of maintaining its school estate;</i></p> <p><i>The recommended course of action is the most effective and prevents delays in procuring essential works;</i></p> <p><i>This is the third year of the ‘School Minor Works’ programme which has been managed effectively within Northamptonshire.)</i></p>

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Item 6	UK Community Renewal Fund – North Northamptonshire Submission	<p>a) That the submission made to Government based on the shortlisted projects set out in Appendix A of the report be endorsed.</p> <p>b) That the creation of a small advisory panel to support programme monitoring and help look ahead to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund as outlined in paragraph 5.17 of the report be approved.</p> <p><i>(Reasons for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>To provide oversight of the Community Renewal Fund process, to review programme delivery and to (to ensure the Council is well-prepared preparations for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, commencing in 2022.)</i></p>
Item 7	National Bus Strategy	<p>a) That the challenges faced by the bus industry due to COVID-19 and the funding that is being provided by the Government and Council to support bus services during the disruption to normal travel patterns as a result of Covid-19, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted;</p> <p>b) That the publication of Bus Back Better, the National Bus Strategy for England, as summarised in Section 6 of the report, be noted;</p> <p>c) That commitment be given to the formation of an Enhanced Partnership under the Bus Service Act 2017, for the reasons set out in Section 7 of the report;</p> <p>d) That the £100,000 capacity funding received from Government, as outlined in Section 8 of the report, be noted; and</p>

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		<p>e) That authority be delegated to prepare, for approval by the Executive, an Enhanced Partnership and Bus Service Improvement Plan, to the Executive Director for Place and Economy, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways, Travel and Assets.</p> <p><i>Reasons for Decisions:</i></p> <p><i>To improve bus services for North Northamptonshire communities and minimise the risk of any communities losing their bus service;</i></p> <p><i>To facilitate climate and environmental benefits through increasing bus use and the operation of more low emission buses;</i></p> <p><i>To contribute to the implementation of the Northamptonshire Transportation Plan (the Local Transport Plan); and</i></p> <p><i>To enable the Council to access the funding being made available by Government to support the National Bus Strategy.</i></p>

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Item 8	Financial Uplifts for Adult Social Care Providers 2021-22	(KEY DECISION)			
		a) That the following increases in fee levels for 2021-2022 be approved.			
		Provision Type	Recommendation	Current Annual Cost £	New Annual Cost £
		Home Care	A fee uplift of 2.25% for home care suppliers currently on a framework. This is primarily related to NLW increase and additional on-costs impacted because of NLW. This uplift is in line with regional benchmarking This will have an annual anticipated impact of an additional £0.262m to the social care budget.	£11.7m	£11.96m
	Older People's Residential and Nursing Care (Framework Providers)	A 2.70% uplift for older person's residential homes. The residential/nursing sector has been heavily impacted both financially and for the wellbeing of their staff during the pandemic. NNC is in the process of tendering for a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) framework and these fees will be	£7.76m	£7.97m	

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		Spot Services	A 0% increase for spot purchased suppliers. Older peoples residential and nursing providers are able to apply to the dynamic purchasing system tender that is currently being tendered for (launched 01 June 2021). As a newly formed commissioning authority further work is required to understand local impacts on the domiciliary care sector and it is not possible to evaluate the uplift requirements at this point in the fiscal year.	£37m	£37m
		<p align="center">b) That approval be given to the full breakdown of current service fees with comparison of 2.25% and 2.70% increases and definitions of “provision type” in Appendix A to the report.</p> <p><i>(Reasons for Decisions:</i></p> <p><i>The Care Act 2015 establishes a general responsibility and duty on local authorities and Directors of Social Services to promote diversity and quality in care provision and ensure a sustainable market of care in their areas.)</i></p>			

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Item 9	Capital Programme Update Report – Approvals into the Capital Programme	<p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>That approval be given to the following changes to the Council’s capital programme totalling £1.936m:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Minor Works 2021-22 of £1.936m funded from the Department for Education (DfE) School Condition Allocation Grant. <p><i>(Reasons for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>The recommended course of action will allow the timely progression of capital works.</i></p> <p><i>To enable the Council to continue to fulfil its statutory obligation of maintaining its school estate.)</i></p>
Item 10	Transformation Task and Finish Group update	<p>That the Transformation Priority Plan timeline to disaggregate the hosted services between North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council be endorsed.</p> <p><i>(Reasons for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>To progress the process of disaggregation of hosted services during years 1 and 2 of the new councils.)</i></p>

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Item 11	Gretton Neighbourhood Plan	<p>That approval be given to the Gretton Neighbourhood Plan being made, so that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.</p> <p><i>(Reason for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>Following the community’s endorsement of the Plan at a local referendum this forms the final step is for it to be formally ‘made’ by this Council.)</i></p>
Item 12	Ecton Neighbourhood Plan	<p>That approval be given to the Ecton Neighbourhood Plan being made, so that it becomes part of the statutory development plan for the area.</p> <p><i>(Reason for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>Following the community’s endorsement of the Plan at a local referendum this forms the final step is for it to be formally ‘made’ by this Council.)</i></p>
Item 13	Corby Town Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) That the continuation of the Corby Town Deal Board which was established by Corby Borough Council be confirmed and approved; b) That membership of the Town Deal Board as detailed in section 5 of the report be approved. c) That authority be delegated to the Leader and Portfolio holder for Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Chief Executive and Executive Director of Place and Economy to approve and sign Heads of Terms in connection with Corby’s Town Fund from MHCLG. <p><i>(Reasons for Decisions:</i></p>

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		<p><i>To ensure that North Northamptonshire Council is appropriately represented on the Corby Town Deal Board.</i></p> <p><i>The options proposed align with MHCLG’s guidance on the Town Fund.)</i></p>

Part B – Items considered in private

<p>Item 14a</p> <p>Exempt Report</p>	<p>Kettering Alfred East Art Gallery, Library and Manor House Museum – (GLaM). Main Contract Award</p>	<p>(KEY DECISION)</p> <p>a) That approval be given to the award of the Main Capital Works JCT contract to contractor A; and</p> <p>b) That delegated authority be given to the Assistant Director Housing and Communities in collaboration with the Director of Legal & Democratic to conclude the appointment.</p> <p><i>(Reason for Decision:</i></p> <p><i>To accord with legislation and the constitutional policy of the Council.)</i></p>
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