



**North  
Northamptonshire  
Council**

## **Extraordinary Full Council**

North Northamptonshire Council

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021

At 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber, Cedar Drive, Thrapston.

### **Those in Attendance:**

Councillors Paul Bell (Chair), Larry Henson (Vice Chair), Addison, Armour, Binley, D Brackenbury, W Brackenbury, S Brown, Leanne Buckingham, Bunday, Carter, Colquhoun, Currall, Dearing, Dell, Ekins, Fedorowycz, Hakewill, Hallam, Harrington, H Harrison, K Harrison, Howes, D Jenney, Keane, Lawal, Lee, Marks, Maxwell, McEwan, J McGhee, Z McGhee, A Mercer, G Mercer, Nichol, O'Hara, Pandey, Pentland, Powell, Prentice, Roberts, Rowley, Shacklock, Sims, Smithers, Smyth, Tebbutt, Thurland, Tubbs, Tye, Ward, Waters, Wetherill.

### **Officers in Attendance:**

Rob Bridge (Chief Executive), Janice Gotts (Executive Director Finance), Paul Goult (Interim Democratic Services Manager), Ben Smith (Democratic & Electoral Services Manager) and via video link Adele Wylie (Director of Legal and Democratic Services).

## **78. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allebone, Anslow, Bone, C Brown, Lyn Buckingham, Carr, de Capell Brooke, Edwards, Griffiths, Howell, Irwin, Jackson, Jelley, B Jenney, G Lawman, L Lawman, Levell, North, Partridge-Underwood, Pengelly, Rielly, Watt, Wilkes.

## **79. Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were made.

## **80. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

A resolution to exclude the press and public was duly **MOVED** by Councillor P Bell and **SECONDED** by Councillor J Smithers.

### **RESOLVED that: -**

The press and public be excluded from the meeting at this point in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), under Paragraph 2 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information), and Paragraph 5 – Information in respect of which a claim of legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

## **81. Legal Matters (SUMMARY MINUTE)**

The Chair informed Full Council that he would not be enforcing a time limit on councillor's contributions and would allow more than one intervention if appropriate.

The Chair introduced a representative of the Council's external legal team who had provided advice and representation on behalf of the Council.

The Director of Legal Democratic Services, the Executive Director of Finance and the representative of the Council's external legal team outlined the key points contained within the report before councillors.

The report before Full Council contained information in relation to a litigious matter brought against a former sovereign Council in relation to a prosecution the former sovereign council undertook prior to transition. In accordance with the Transitional Regulations, North Northamptonshire Council was now the Defendant to the claim. Full Council had initially considered this matter at an extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

The report circulated to Full Council provided an update on the progress made to date on defending the claim, and the options for how the Council may wish to progress this matter going forward.

Councillor J Smithers MOVED and Councillor L Bunday SECONDED the recommendations contained in the report.

**RESOLVED that: - (SUMMARY RESOLUTION)**

Full Council agreed the recommendations contained in the report.

**82. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 8:49 pm.

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Chair

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Date