

North Northamptonshire Council – Decisions taken by the Executive on Thursday 23 December 2021

Issued: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

The following decisions in this notice were made by the Executive on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.

Any decisions identified below as a **KEY DECISION** will come into force and may be implemented on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 4	Draft Budget 2022-23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan	<b>RESOLVED:-</b> <b>(KEY DECISION)</b>  a) Approved for consultation the 2022-23 Draft Budget, which includes:
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. An estimated net revenue budget of £293.2m (£618.6m including the Dedicated Schools Grant) as set out in Appendix A, noting that this is subject to further update following the publication of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.</li> <li>ii. An average Band D Council Tax of £1,578.73 for North Northamptonshire Council, representing a 1.99% increase in the 'core' Council Tax and a further 1% for the Adult Social Care Precept.</li> <li>iii. Net Pressures of £8.2m, including adjustments for the reversal of one-off funding in 2021-22, and savings and income generation proposals of £7.6m as set out in Appendix B.</li> <li>iv. That the draft fees and charges proposed at Appendix C be subject to further review</li> <li>v. Corporate budget requirements as set out in paragraph 8.1, including a contingency sum of £4.250m as set out in paragraph 8.2.</li> <li>vi. The draft planned use of, contribution to, and movement in, reserves as identified in paragraph 5.54 and section 9 of the report, noting the reserves will be reviewed again prior to the final budget proposals to consider the risk applying at that time.</li> <li>vii. The provisional dedicated schools grant budget of £325.4m for 2022-</li> </ul>

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		<p align="center">23, pending the Final Settlement, as detailed in Appendix D.</p> <p>b) For the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Noted the provisional allocations of the increased funding for the Schools Block and High Needs Block for 2022-23 and reduced Central School Services Block for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) allocations.</li> <li>ii Following consultation with the Schools Forum, delegated authority to the Executive Member for Children’s Services in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Transformation, Director for Children’s Services, and the Executive Director of Finance (S151 Officer) to determine the DSG 2022-23 schools funding formula, high needs funding arrangements and the early years funding formula in line with Department for Education guidance.</li> </ul> <p>c) Endorsed the budget consultation process as outlined at paragraphs 13.13 to 13.17 which commences following the approval of the recommendations in this report.</p> <p>d) Noted that the funding allocations are estimates at this stage and will not be confirmed until the publication of the Local Government Finance Settlement.</p> <p>e) Delegated authority to the Executive Member for Finance and</p>

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		<p align="center">Transformation in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) to amend the draft budget following the publication of the Local Government Finance Settlement.</p> <p>Reason for Decisions: To ensure that the Council complies with its Constitution and legislative requirements in setting the budget for North Northamptonshire Council from 2022-23.</p>
Item 5	Capital Programme 2022-25	<p><b>RESOLVED:-</b></p> <p>That the Executive approved for Consultation:</p> <p align="center">a) the General Fund Capital Programme 2022-25, Baseline Development Pool and HRA Capital Programme 2022-25.</p> <p>Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Council complies with its Constitution and legislative requirements in setting the budget for North Northamptonshire Council for 2022-23.</p>
Item 6	Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Draft Budget 2022-23 and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Proposals	<p><b>RESOLVED:-</b></p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <p align="center">a. Noted the draft 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account Budgets consisting of the Corby Neighbourhood Account and the Kettering Neighbourhood</p>

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		<p>Account as set out in <b>Appendix A</b> to the report, which will be consulted upon with Tenants, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) an increase in dwelling rents for 2022/23 of 4.1% (based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for September 2021 3.1% + 1%) which is in line with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) Policy statement on rents for social housing.</li> <li>b. Noted the draft Housing Revenue Account Medium Term Financial Plan beyond 2022/23 consisting of the Corby Neighbourhood Account and the Kettering Neighbourhood Account, for 2023/24 to 2026/27 as set out in <b>Appendix B</b> of the report.</li> </ul> <p>Reason for Decision: To ensure that the Council complies with its Constitution in setting the budget for North Northamptonshire.</p>
<b>Item 7</b>	Transformation Plan and Progress	<p><b>RESOLVED:-</b></p> <p>That the Executive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Noted the Transformation Programme progress to date</li> <li>b) Approved the five Transformation Benefit Themes as set out in section 5.3 of the report that will drive and focus the Transformation Plan 2022-25</li> </ul>

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		<p>c) Endorsed the draft Transformation Project Proposal Plan 2022 – 25, as set out in Appendix D to the report</p> <p>d) Approved the proposed timetable for consultation as set out in section 7.5.4 of the report</p> <p>Reasons for Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The option proposed aligns with local government reform and transformation outcomes</li> <li>• Proposed recommendation aligns and is consistent with the transformational activity and assumptions reflected within the Medium-Term Financial Plan</li> <li>• The Council and its customers will receive the maximum benefit from the option proposed</li> </ul>