

**Meeting:** Council

**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, The Cube, George Street, Corby NN17 1QG

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**Council Membership:**

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Members of The Council are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed on the agenda.

## Agenda

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01	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
02	<p><b>Minutes of the meetings held on 26th January 2023 and 23rd February 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	9 - 30
03	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Members to declare any interest as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at the meeting.</p>	
04	<p><b>Chair's Announcements</b></p> <p>To receive any announcements from the Chair.</p>	
05	<p><b>Leader's Announcements</b></p> <p>To receive any announcements from the Leader of the Council.</p>	
06	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>(i) Public Statements</p> <p>(ii) Public Questions</p> <p>(iii) Petitions</p>	
07	<p><b>Executive Presentations</b></p> <p>To receive any presentations from the Executive.</p>	
<b>Items requiring a decision</b>		
08	<p><b>Pay Policy Statement 2023/2024</b></p> <p>To seek Council approval of the Pay Policy Statement</p>	33 - 42
09	<p><b>Planning Scheme of Delegation &amp; Committee Structure</b></p> <p>To consider amendments to both the Scheme of Delegation and the decision-making process relating to the Council's responsibilities as the Planning Authority for North Northants.</p>	43 - 74

10	<p><b>Scrutiny Review</b></p> <p>To consider the proposals for changes to scrutiny arrangements and the draft Scrutiny Procedure Rules which have been recommended by the Democracy and Standards Committee.</p>	75 - 104
11	<p><b>Isham Bypass – Virement of Capital Budgets</b></p> <p>To seek approval for the virement of existing budgets to fund the continued development of the Isham bypass planning application and Department for Transport outline business case.</p>	TO FOLLOW
12	<p><b>Political Balance on Council Committees</b></p> <p>For Council to note the current political balance of North Northamptonshire Council following the outcome of two recent by-elections.</p>	TO FOLLOW
13	<p><b>Motions on Notice</b></p> <p>To consider motions received in accordance with Meeting Procedure Rule 17 as follows: -</p> <p><b><u>Motion 1</u></b></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Valerie Anslow and seconded by Cllr Anne Lee: -</p> <p><i>“North Northamptonshire has a rich heritage in both buildings and the natural world. Among our assets are the parks and gardens which belonged to the former sovereign councils; there are conservation areas where planning rules are rigorous and aim to maintain the historic hearts of our towns and villages; tree preservation orders that can be applied to individual or groups of trees which have stood by our roadsides and in gardens and parks for many years. All of these features together help us, as a council to make decisions that are of benefit to the communities that reside here.</i></p> <p><i>North Northamptonshire Council has firmly grasped the desire to be carbon neutral by 2030 and the council’s vision that acknowledges the importance of the natural world on carbon capture, flood defences, wildlife habitat and the health and wellbeing of its residents.</i></p> <p><i>North Northamptonshire is also an area of growth and development which will benefit the people who live here, and getting the balance between the two, heritage and growth, can be fraught with difficulties.</i></p> <p><i>One of those difficulties is evident in the way that 61 mature lime trees were due to be felled earlier this month on The Walks in Wellingborough to make way for a four-line road leading from the A509 to Stanton Walk SUE, and to move the utilities associated with the works. Following the protests of local residents, NNC negotiated a pause in the work to allow for an information event to be held by The Vistry Group, but those trees are still under threat unless, we use our authority to stop this senseless and unnecessary action and require the developers to find an alternative way.</i></p>	

*This motion -*

*Ensure that reports to planning committee on applications where the granting of planning permission would involve the removal of trees protected by TPO(s) are supported by the advice of a suitably qualified officer. Furthermore, such reports to contain specific information to support decision makers to assess the weight considered appropriate by the officer to be attached to this material consideration to ensure that any resident or organisation relying on the system is treated equally and fairly, and that all local historic and natural heritage sites within NN communities are appropriately protected, while continuing the drive to provide homes and jobs for the community.”*

## **Motion 2**

To be proposed by Cllr Emily Fedorowycz and seconded by Cllr Lyn Buckingham: -

*“The Nene is one of NNC’s most important assets in terms of tourism and ecology and as such needs proper guardianship.*

*NNC has riparian responsibilities and also a major role in flood management.*

*This Council will:*

- (i) Ask the Environment Agency to provide the current levels of pollution in the Nene River and North Northants waterways;*
- (ii) Engage with the EA and the Canal and River Trust to create a plan to achieve Clean Water Zones, with a framework for pollution measurement;*
- (iii) Engage with Anglian Water and the other smaller waste management companies in North Northants to create a process for feeding in reports of pollution incidents.*
- (iv) Ask Anglian Water to keep NNC informed of the measures taken to control water pollution, including the amounts spent on keeping rivers clean.”*

## **Motion 3**


To be proposed by Cllr Mark Pengelly and seconded by Cllr Lyn Buckingham:

*Many residents in Corby and North Northants will remember the horrific murder of Collette Gallacher on Friday 8th February 1986, a SIX year old school girl murdered on her way to school!*

*This council recognises the campaign that Collette’s loved ones have led in the family having full disclosure when murderers get released from prison and then go on to commit further crimes.*

*Council therefore requests that the Leader write to the Minister for Justice requesting:*

- (i) That the Minister notes the limited consideration of victims in the offender release decision making process*
- (ii) That the Minister considers introducing measures to build the*

	<p><i>views of victims into the probation decision making process to ensure victims feel heard and considered</i></p> <p>(iii) <i>If a decision is made by probation services to release an offender, the Minister considers the retrospective addition to the sex offenders register where the conviction pre-dates introduction of the register</i></p> <p><b><u>Motion 4</u></b></p> <p>To be proposed by Cllr Alison Dalziel and seconded by Cllr Lyn Buckingham:</p> <p><i>“This council welcomes the recent government announcement of funding of £200m nationally for the Department of Transport to fix potholes, of which £1.494m will be allocated to North Northamptonshire. It is recognised that many of the roads and highways are in a poor state of repair, compounded by the recent winter weather.</i></p> <p><i>This council also welcomes the additional £1.5m in 2022 which was earmarked for highways and road improvements, including repair of potholes, and cleaning and replacement of road signs, in addition to the £30m contract with Kier for a 7-year period.</i></p> <p><i>However, this council recognises that there are significant repairs of the highways, roads and pavements in North Northamptonshire outstanding, and many of the roads require urgent attention to make them suitable and roadworthy for a variety of road users, including cars, lorries, motor cycles, mobility scooters, cyclists and pedestrians.</i></p> <p><i>This motion calls upon North Northamptonshire council to review and develop a comprehensive Action Plan with Kier to address concerns over the poor state of roads, and to submit the Action Plan to the Executive in July 2023 for consideration and consultation.”</i></p>	
14	<p><b>Councillor Questions</b></p> <p>To receive questions from members.</p>	
<b>Urgent Items</b>		
	<p>To consider any items of business of which notice has been given to the Proper Officer and the Chair considers to be urgent, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972.</p>	
15	<p><b>Close of Meeting</b></p>	
	<p>Adele Wylie, Monitoring Officer North Northamptonshire Council</p>  <p><b>Proper Officer</b> <b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</b></p>	

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Members of the Public Agenda Statements	Members of the Public may make statements at meetings in relation to reports on the agenda. A request to address the committee must be received 2 clear working days prior to the meeting. The member of the Public has a maximum of 3 minutes to address the committee. A written copy of the statement must be submitted by the deadline indicated. A period of 15 minutes (Chair's Discretion) is allocated for Public Statements	5:00 pm on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2023												
Members of the Public Petitions	<p>Anyone who lives, works or studies in North Northamptonshire may submit a petition to the Council. Depending on the size of your petition it will be responded to as follows: -</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Signatory Threshold</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Petition which triggers a debate</td> <td>1,500 +</td> <td>Any petition with 1,500 or more signatures will trigger a debate at a Full Authority meeting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petition which calls an officer to account</td> <td>750 – 1,499</td> <td>Any petition with 750 – 1,499 signatures will summon a senior officer of the Authority to give evidence at a public Authority meeting.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Standard Petition</td> <td>5 – 749</td> <td>Any petition with 5 – 749 signatures will be referred to a senior officer of the Authority to provide a response.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Signatory Threshold	Description	Petition which triggers a debate	1,500 +	Any petition with 1,500 or more signatures will trigger a debate at a Full Authority meeting.	Petition which calls an officer to account	750 – 1,499	Any petition with 750 – 1,499 signatures will summon a senior officer of the Authority to give evidence at a public Authority meeting.	Standard Petition	5 – 749	Any petition with 5 – 749 signatures will be referred to a senior officer of the Authority to provide a response.	
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