

APPENDIX B

North Northamptonshire Council – Register of Significant Partnerships July 2023

Partnership Name	Service Area	Type of partnership	Description of partnership	Website
Corby Cube Theatre Trust	Communities and Leisure	Incorporated body	A charitable company, incorporated in 2010 and its objects are to promote art and education for the benefit of the public. It runs The Core at Corby Cube (the theatre and other arts spaces) and associated arts projects. A Local Authority Trustee is required by the Articles of Association. Critical to the delivery of arts provision in Corby and across North Northamptonshire.	www.thecorecorby.com
Northamptonshire Children's Trust	Children's Services	Incorporated body	NCT is an independent, not-for-profit organisation established in November 2020. Its responsibility is to deliver children's social care and targeted early help services on behalf of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council. It is a company with a strong ambition to improve the lives of children and their families, with a focus on ensuring a positive impact on those children most in need of protection and care. Northamptonshire Children's Trust is owned by North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council, but managed by an independent board of Executive and Non-Executive Directors, to ensure operational independence.	www.nctrust.co.uk

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Groundwork Northamptonshire	Economic Development	Incorporated body	Groundwork Northamptonshire is a charity and a limited company. Groundwork charities are about creating a future where every neighbourhood is vibrant and green, every community is strong and able to shape its own destiny and no-one is held back by their background or circumstances. Initially incorporated January 2006, with five founder members: The Federation of Groundwork Trusts, Northamptonshire County Council, East Northamptonshire District Council, Corby Borough Council and Kettering Borough Council; North Northamptonshire Council has now taken over from these.	www.groundwork.org.uk/northamptonshire
OPUS Solutions Ltd	Human Resources	Incorporated body	Opus People Solutions (East) is a joint venture between Cambridgeshire County Council, Milton Keynes Council, West Northamptonshire Council, North Northamptonshire Council, and Opus People Solutions Limited to provide employment business services (most often temporary staff) to the councils. It is a company set up with 48/52 share split between the councils and Opus People Solutions (in the favour of Opus People Solutions). It provides services to the councils under a service agreement.	www.opuspeoplesolutions.co.uk
Northamptonshire Sport	Communities and Leisure	Incorporated body	Established in 2003, Northamptonshire Sport is a physical activity, health and wellbeing charity. As one of 43 Active Partnerships across England, the charity collaborates with local partners to create the conditions for a more active county, using the power of sport and physical activity to change lives in Northamptonshire. Northamptonshire Sport is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission. The Council has two representatives as Trustees. The Council makes a grant to the partnership. Successful operation is essential to Council objectives around wellbeing and health.	www.northamptonshiresport.org

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Wellingborough Norse	Highways and Waste	Incorporated body	Set up by Borough Council of Wellingborough as a joint venture with Norse Ltd (owned by Norfolk County Council) to run waste, grounds maintenance and street cleaning services. The contract has ended with all services transferring in-house in April 2022. The company still exists but is in the process of being wound up; it no longer operates beyond being a legal entity.	Not applicable
Pathfinder Legal Services	Democratic and Legal Services	Incorporated body	Pathfinder Legal Services provides legal advice tailored to the public and not-for-profit sectors. The company is owned by four local authorities. As previously reported and agreed by the Executive, North Northamptonshire Council is due to cease being a shareholder in the company.	https://www.pathfinderlegal.co.uk/
Shared Services Joint Committee	Corporate	Non-statutory	To oversee the management of those services which continue to be provided on a Northamptonshire wide basis following Local Government Reorganisation, on behalf of North Northamptonshire and West Northamptonshire Councils, to ensure effective delivery of such services and to provide strategic direction. It is a Joint Committee which was established by the Executive.	Committee details - Shared Services Joint Committee - North Northamptonshire Council (moderngov.co.uk)
Lead Authority Board	Corporate	Non-statutory	To oversee the management of support services which continue to be provided by one lead authority on behalf of others following the dissolution of LGSS. Includes finance transactional services of accounts payable and receivable (sundry debt), payroll, insurance services and the ERP Gold enterprise resource management system. The Councils involved are Cambridgeshire County Council, Milton Keynes Council, North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council.	Not applicable

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Strategic Transport Leadership Board for England's Economic Heartland	Transport	Non-statutory	<p>England's Economic Heartland is the sub-national transport body for the region stretching from Swindon across to Cambridgeshire and from Northamptonshire down to Hertfordshire. It advises the government on the transport infrastructure, services and policy framework which will realise our region's economic potential while supporting the journey to net zero. Work is informed by a comprehensive and growing evidence base, and overseen by the Strategic Transport Leadership Board, containing the elected leaders and portfolio holders of our local authority partners. As one of seven sub-national transport bodies, it is jointly funded by the Department for Transport and local authority partners, and enables the Council to achieve strategic objectives for planning and delivering effective transport for the area.</p>	<p>www.englandseconomicheartland.com</p>
Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board	Adult Social Care	Statutory	<p>Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is a statutory function under the Care Act 2014. The purpose of Safeguarding Adult Boards is to help and protect adults in its area and ensure that multi-agency safeguarding arrangements work effectively so that adults are able to live their lives free from abuse or neglect. Safeguarding Boards bring together statutory partners, the Local Authority (or authorities as is the case in Northamptonshire), the Integrated Care Board, and the Police, and other key agencies to oversee the prevention of harm for adults with care and support needs (whether the local authority is meeting those needs or not), for example adults who have a physical and/or learning disability, those with mental ill health or older adults who may not have capacity to make decisions for themselves.</p>	<p>www.northamptonshiresab.org.uk</p>

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Northamptonshire Safeguarding Children Partnership	Children's Services	Statutory	Local authorities, working with partner organisations and agencies, have specific duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area. Specifically, the police, the Integrated Care Board and local authority are under a duty to make arrangements to work together, and with other partners locally, to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children in their area. Guidance for this is set out in Working Together (2018). The framework for the four local safeguarding partners (North Northants Council, West Northants Council, Integrated Care Board and Northamptonshire Police), along with Northamptonshire Children's Trust, will set out arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of local children including identifying and responding to their needs.	www.northamptonshirescb.org.uk
Schools Forum	Children's Services	Statutory	Representatives from schools and academies make up the schools forum. There is also some representation from non-school organisations, such as nursery and 16-19 education providers. It is statutorily required. The forum acts as a consultative body on some issues and a decision making body on others. It consults on issues such as changes to the local funding formula or contracts held locally, and decides on issues such as how much funding may be retained by the local authority from the Dedicated Schools Grant.	Committee details - Schools Forum - North Northamptonshire Council (moderngov.co.uk)

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Corporate Parenting Board	Children's Services	Statutory	<p>The Corporate Parenting Board is responsible for monitoring the services local authorities and their partners deliver to children looked after and care leavers. It is responsible for the continual improvement of outcomes. Executive agreed to establish a North Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting board in June 2023, previously the Board was joint across the whole area covered by the Northamptonshire Children's Trust. North Northamptonshire Corporate Parenting Board will be chaired by the Executive Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, and membership will include other members, officers, partners, and young people's representatives. Meetings will held bi-monthly thereafter to coincide with partner requirements. It is considered essential for the delivery of the Council's statutory obligations as a corporate parent to have this partnership.</p>	See papers to Executive
Youth Offending Management Board	Children's Services	Statutory	<p>There are statutory duties on local authorities and other local partners to co-operate to provide youth justice services in an area (most importantly the Crime and Disorder Act 1998). The National Youth Justice Board expects local management boards (such as NYOMB) to take responsibility for all aspects of youth justice services governance; to lead strategically across relevant partners and to ensure a high-quality service is provided to all children. This partnership is essential to delivering statutory requirements around youth justice services and also directs and determines LA funding (c£1.5m between NNC and WNC) as part of a pooled budget including other agencies' contributions and central Government grant.</p>	www.n-yos.org.uk

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North Northants Community Safety Partnership	Community Safety	Statutory	Community safety partnerships are statutory partnerships to support the formulation and implementation of strategies to tackle local crime and disorder in the area. North Northamptonshire CSP was formed in 2018 from a merger of each of the district CSPs. It is included on the register because it is statutory and also is essential to delivering Council objectives around safe and prosperous places and community wellbeing.	Community Safety Partnership North Northamptonshire Council (northnorthants.gov.uk)
Northamptonshire Integrated Care Partnership	Health Partnerships	Statutory	Organisations across Northamptonshire who deliver mental health, social care and physical health care are working together as Northamptonshire Integrated Care Partnership (NICP). This is a new way of working, bringing together local councils, health and social care organisations, local charities, and community groups to look after the people of Northamptonshire. Teams from different organisations will come together to plan and deliver joined-up health and care services to help people live well and stay well. The focus is on supporting people to stay healthy, keep their independence for longer and be able to manage their own care. This is a statutory partnership which forms part of the overall integrated care system reforms introduced in 2022.	www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/icp
Northamptonshire Integrated Care Board	Health Partnerships	Statutory	The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is a statutory body responsible for local NHS services, functions, performance and budgets. It is directly accountable to the national NHS management and leadership, and is made up of local NHS trusts, primary care providers, and local authorities. It is a statutory partnership which forms part of the overall integrated care system reforms introduced in 2022.	www.icnorthamptonshire.org.uk/icb

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Health and Wellbeing Board	Health Partnerships	Statutory	North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board is a formal committee of North Northamptonshire Council, consisting of senior leaders and stakeholders from across North Northamptonshire who provide a strategic lead for the health, care and wellbeing system. It is a statutory partnership that was introduced in 2012, but also sits within the 2022 reforms that formalised the integrated care system and ICP / ICB structures.	Health and Wellbeing Board North Northamptonshire Council (northnorthants.gov.uk)