

**NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

**JOINT COMMITTEE (SHARED SERVICES)**

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Hosted Services Disaggregation proposal update</b>	
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**Supporting Documents**

**Appendix A – Transformation Task and Finish Timetable**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- To seek approval of the recommendation to remove the EADS service from being an IAA

**2. Summary/Decision Required**

It is for the Board to note that all disaggregation activity relating to the proposed priorities for 2021/22 is underway, with options appraisals to be presented in due-course. Endorsement is required to support the recommendation to remove the EADS service from being an IAA. Further recommendations may be presented at subsequent meetings detailing the review of the remaining hosted fact checks.

**3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that (**Blueprint Change**):

- EADS is no longer considered a hosted arrangement under the IAA due to the nature of the contract.

## 4. Background Context

- 4.1 In the Spring of 2020, the Local Government Reform programme had to be reset due to the global pandemic Covid19, with the new focus being on 'safe and legal plus for vesting day for the two new unitary authorities.
- 4.2 Blueprints were developed and approved by the Shadow Executives (15th Sept for the West and 17th Sept for the North) which resolved that some former county council services would remain as one operational function for vesting day, with estimated times for them to be separated by post vesting day.
- 4.3 The Transformation Task & Finish Group worked to develop a disaggregation roadmap, which set out assumed timescales for future disaggregation based on their priorities and agreed service design principles. The roadmap was approved for the West at cabinet on 8th June 2021, and the North at Executive Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- 4.4 The Transformation Task & Finish Group disaggregation roadmap has provided a solid foundation to build on and enabled the teams to bring rigor, evidence and clarity to the development of a *Disaggregation Delivery Plan*; see Appendix A.
- 4.5 Working collaboratively, the Transformation teams, North and West, have been completing a 'fact check', with the Heads of Service and Assistant Director's for the hosted service areas, to compile a more in-depth review to evaluate the impact of disaggregation which will be presented to members in due course. It aims to assess at a high level, the optimum outcomes for the unitary authorities and its customers.
- 4.6 The fact check consists of key information and data including; customer impact, financial, risk, interdependencies, contractual and statutory requirements which informs a set of recommendations for each hosted service. The template does not go into the detail of how to, or the solution for disaggregating; this will commence once the road map and prioritisation is agreed. Work is still being undertaken by colleagues in the North and West on the further development of options; once they are complete, any remaining recommendations will be submitted for approval.
- 4.7 The remaining hosted services have been completed or are in progress and are currently aligned to the 'Transformation Task and Finish Group proposed disaggregation timeline' as approved via Cabinet and Executive, with the exception of the 1 area set out below.
- 4.8 **EADS –**  
*Proposal:* This is currently a 'hosted' service delivered by the North.  
*Summary:* This is a countywide contract where the local authority sub contracts on behalf of a prime provider who has a direct contract with the DWP; it is provided by the North and covers the entire county. Due to the contractual arrangements of the service it had to be provided by one unitary council post vesting day. The original framework has expired and been replaced by a new framework. The North tendered for this and started delivering this on the 12th July for the county. There are no revenue budget implications as this is externally funded and if anyone in the west wants the support of the service the referral route is through the job centre. The contract has been signed by North Northamptonshire and cannot be split into two. Both directors support the proposal to remove this as a hosted service from the IAA.

## **5. Next Steps**

Continue to assess disaggregation feasibility with the services and report any proposed changes for the appropriate governance arrangements. To re-profile the disaggregation delivery plan timeline subject to recommendations in this report being approved and review resource allocation.

## **6. Implications (including resources and financial)**

### **6.1 Resources and Financial**

There are no resources or financial implications arising from this proposal; full implications of the disaggregation may result in a financial impact, if this arises, it will be highlighted in the approval of the detailed disaggregation proposals.

### **6.2 Legal**

There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

### **6.3 Risk**

There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

### **6.4 Consultation**

The Fact Checks have been consulted and co-created with the relevant Executive Directors, Assistant Directors and service area experts.

### **6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny**

None

### **6.6 Climate Impact**

None directly from this report and its recommendations, however it will be a consideration on the next phase when developing and recommending options.

### **6.7 Community Impact**

None directly from this report and its recommendations, however it will be a consideration on the next phase when developing and recommending options.

**Appendix A - Transformation Task and Finish Timetable**