

Shared Services Joint Committee

Wednesday 8 September 2021

At 2:00 pm in The Sunflower Room, One Angel Square, Northampton

Members in Attendance:

Councillor Adam Brown	West Northamptonshire Council (WNC)
Councillor Lloyd Bunday	North Northamptonshire Council (NNC)
Councillor Helen Harrison	North Northamptonshire Council (NNC)
Councillor Graham Lawman (substitute for	North Northamptonshire Council (NNC)
Councillor Jason Smithers)	
Councillor Jonathan Nunn	West Northamptonshire Council (WNC)

Officers in Attendance:

Rob Bridge	Chief Executive (NNC)
Jenny Daniels	Democratic Services (NNC)
Jane Carr	Director of Transformation (WNC)
Janice Gotts	Executive Director of Finance (NNC)
Lisa Hyde	Director of Transformation (WNC)
Catherine Whitehead	Director of Legal and Democratic Services (WNC)

19. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Malcolm Longley (West Northants Council) and Councillor Jason Smithers (North Northants Council) as well as Adele Wylie (Monitoring Officer and Director of Legal and Democratic Services (North Northants Council) and Anna Earnshaw (Chief Executive of West Northants Council).

20. Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August 2021

RESOLVED that: The Committee approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

21. Notification of requests to address the meeting

There were none.

22. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

23. Hosted Services Disaggregation Proposal Update

At the Chairman's invitation, The Director of Transformation, Lisa Hyde introduced this report (copies of which had been previously circulated) stating that the report confirmed they were on target with many of the items. The Employment and Disability Service (EADS) was a countywide contract where the local authority sub-contracted on behalf of a prime provider who had a direct contract with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP); it was provided by the North and covered 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 The original framework had expired and been replaced by a new framework. The North tendered for this and started delivering this on 12 July for the county. There were no revenue budget implications as this was externally funded and if anyone in the west wanted the support of the service the referral route was through the job centre. The contract had been signed by North Northamptonshire and could not be split into two. Both directors supported the proposal to remove this as a hosted service from the IAA..

RESOLVED that: the Shared Services Joint Committee: agreed that EADS was no longer considered a hosted arrangement under the IAA due to the nature of the contract.

.24. ICT Disaggregation Discovery Proposal

At the Chairman's invitation Chris Wales presented this item (copies of which had been previously circulated) stating it was an incredibly complicated contract which was currently led by West Northants Council. They wished to seek the Committee's approval to scope the plan which would involve over 180 staff. They would then return to the Committee with details of any further work or approval needed. The first phase would take about 2 months to undertake, the next level 4 months and then a report would come back giving details of costs and services they wished to disaggregate and how they would do that.

In answer to queries on the report the following was confirmed:

- Councillor Lloyd Bunday was the Cabinet member in North Northants Council who was overseeing ICT disaggregation.
- The total time for the project was expected to take approximately 6 months.
- There was a meeting in West Northants Council the following week with the Assistant Cabinet Member involved and Councillor Jonathan Nunn would talk to Councillor Lloyd Bunday to see if he would like to be involved.
- This project would be progressed as quickly as possible.
- A road map would be created as some things could be developed alongside others.
- It would need to be monitored as there would also be a huge programme of transformation being undertaken at the same time.

RESOLVED that: The Shared Services Joint Committee

- (i) noted the findings in the report;
- (ii) that the Leader of West Northants Council would talk to the North Northants Council Cabinet Member overseeing ICT disaggregation regarding joining a forthcoming meeting being held in West Northants Council regarding ICT disaggregation.
- (iii) requested the Chief Information Officers for WNC and NCC to bring a scoping proposal for investment to move the project into the 'discovery phase' in 2 months time.

25. Exempt Items

There were none.

26. Urgent Business.

There were none.

The meeting closed at 2.20pm.