

West Northamptonshire

SHADOW AUTHORITY



Meeting: West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority

Date: 18 August 2020

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority are summoned to attend a meeting to consider the items of business listed on the agenda below:

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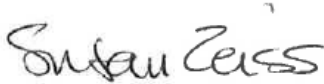
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02	To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd June 2020	7-12
03	To receive declarations of interest	-
04	To receive announcements from the Chair	-
05	To receive statements from members of the public This item is limited to 30 minutes.	-
06	Question submitted by councillors and members of the public Questions of which prior notice have been given may be asked of the Chair, Leader, Portfolio Holder or the Chair of a Committee. This item is limited to 30 minutes.	-
07	To receive the Record of Decisions of the Shadow Executive Committee and the minutes of other committees: a) Shadow Executive Committee – 9 th June 2020 b) Shadow Executive Committee – 23 rd June 2020 c) Shadow Executive Committee – 21 st July 2020 d) Shadow Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 30 th June 2020 (draft) e) Shadow Senior Appointments Committee – 7 th July 2020 (draft)	13-14 15-16 17-18 19-20 21-22

08	<p>Appointment of the Chief Executive Report by the Senior Appointments Committee.</p>	23-25
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10	<p>West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority Governance Report by the Monitoring Officer</p>	39-42
11	<p>Motion on notice</p> <p>11 a) Motion submitted by Councillor Gareth Eales</p> <p>Reorganisation, 12 years of austerity, Brexit, Covid 19 - all of these challenges are going to have an impact on local economies, demand pressures, staffing.</p> <p>We therefore call on the shadow authority to communicate with all the trade unions to ensure we maximise the goodwill and expertise of the staff body in managing the challenges of reorganisation. We ask the Shadow Authority to recommend to the new authority they continue to work in partnership with all the trade unions and ensure regular dialogue and comprehensive communications.</p> <p>We further call on the Shadow Authority to request that the future employers include information about trade unions in the induction packs for new staff, including senior appointments.</p> <p>11 b) Motion submitted by Councillor Zoe Smith</p> <p>Our Sovereign Councils have agreed there is a climate emergency. As the shadow successor authority, we have agreed a task and finish environment group to advise on the way forward. We call on this group to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how best to draw on the knowledge, expertise and commitment of climate emergency Groups; • how to engage all partners in this issue; and • how to put the climate emergency on everyone’s agenda and in everyone’s work plan. <p>11 c) Motion submitted by Councillor Jonathan Harris</p> <p>The recent decision by NCC to go ahead with arranging and awarding the Highways Maintenance Contract is premature. The new West Northamptonshire Council should make these decisions as the contract need not start until 2022 and its impact will be felt for years to come.</p> <p>This Shadow Council is asked, therefore, to request that NCC does not adopt a new Highways Maintenance Contract covering West Northamptonshire and that approval of any contract is deferred until it can be considered by the new West Northamptonshire Council in 2021 and as</p>	-

	part of that process, the option of bringing the maintenance work in-house is thoroughly assessed.	
12	Urgent Items To consider any items of business of which notice has been given to the Proper Officer prior to the first meeting of the Shadow Authority and the Chairman considers to be urgent pursuant to the LGA 1972.	
	 Susan Zeiss, Proper Officer 10th August 2020	

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What is the Shadow Authority?

In accordance with Government legislation, a West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority has been established in order to oversee preparations for the establishment of a new local authority for West Northamptonshire by April 2021. It is responsible for certain major decisions, including setting the budget for the new authority.

Who are the members of the Shadow Authority?

The shadow authority is composed of all of the existing borough, district and county councillors in the West Northamptonshire area:

Daventry District Council	Northampton Borough Council	Northamptonshire County Council	South Northamptonshire Council
Number of Wards: 16	Number of Wards: 33	Number of Divisions: 31	Number of Wards: 27
Number of Councillors: 36	Number of Councillors 44 (one vacancy)	Number of Councillors: 30 (one vacancy)	Number of Councillors: 41 (one vacancy)
Johnnie Amos Richard Auger Adam Brown Nick Bunting Alan Chantler Daniel Cribbin Stephen Dabbs Deanna Eddon Rupert Frost Jo Gilford Liz Griffin Lauryn Harrington-Carter Jonathan Harris Alan Hills Amy Howard Wayne Howard Cécile Irving-Swift David James Catherine Lomax Malcolm Longley Peter Matten Richard Micklewright Chris Millar Colin Morgan Stephen Osborne Kevin Parker Sarah Peck Jason Pritchard Wendy Randall Ken Ritchie Ian Robertson John Shephard David Smith Mike Warren Mark Wesley Lesley Woolnough	Tony Ansell Rufia Ashraf Mohammed Azizur-Rahman Sally Beardsworth Jane Birch Alan Bottwood Muna Cali Nazim Choudary Clement Chunga Julie Davenport Janice Duffy Gareth Eales Terrie Eales Brandon Eldred Penelope Flavell Matthew Golby Luke Graystone Tim Hadland Mike Hallam Anamul Haque Stephen Hibbert James Hill Paul Joyce Andrew Kilbride Samuel Kilby-Shaw Anna King Jamie Lane Phil Larratt Christopher Malpas Brian Markham Mary Markham Les Marriott Arthur McCutcheon Dennis Meredith Jonathan Nunn Brian Oldham	Richard Auger* Fiona Baker* Jane Birch* Lizzy Bowen Rebecca Breese* Adam Brown* Robin Brown Pinder Chauhan Michael Clarke Julie Davenport* Gareth Eales* Matthew Golby* André Gonzalez de Savage Mike Hallam* Amy Howard* Cécile Irving-Swift* Andrew Kilbride* Stephen Legg Malcolm Longley* Arthur McCutcheon* Dennis Meredith* Ian Morris Stephen Osborne* Suresh Patel* Anjona Roy Sam Rumens Judy Shephard Danielle Stone* Winston Strachan Allen Walker*	Ann Addison Mark Allen Robert Atkinson Anthony Bagot-Webb Fiona Baker Dermot Bambridge Sandra Barnes MBE Phil Bignell Caryl Billingham MBE Rebecca Breese John Budden Carole Clarke Roger Clarke Stephen Clarke Karen Cooper Richard Dallyn Hywel Davies Peter Davies Valerie Furniss Andrew Grant David Harries BEM Rosie Herring Steven Hollowell Gregor Hopkins Martin Johns Chris Lofts Dennis Loveland Charles Manners Ian McCord Abigail Medina Alice Kim Ord Ken Prichard Peter Rawlinson Lisa Samiotis Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke Sandi Smallman

	Niles Ramesh-Parekh Suresh Patel Emma Roberts Catherine Russell Brian Sargeant Zoe Smith Danielle Stone Graham Walker		Catherine Tarbun John Townsend Allen Walker Elaine Wiltshire Paul Wiltshire
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When does the Shadow Authority meet?

The Shadow Authority meets in accordance with the schedule below, but it may meet more frequently if required. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 7pm

- Tuesday 18 August 2020
- Tuesday 15 September 2020
- Tuesday 16 February 2021

The venue will be confirmed when the papers for a particular meeting are published, but at the moment meetings are taking place virtually. Members of the public who wish to view the meeting can do so via the West Northamptonshire Democratic Services YouTube Channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCujrRO-y6RzkN6zPQ-xNAtA>

How do I find out about what is being discussed at future meetings?

The agenda and reports for all meetings are published 5 working days in advance and can be downloaded here:

<https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cm5live/WestNorthamptonshireShadowAuthority.aspx>

Can I participate in meetings?

Shadow Authority meetings are normally held in public. At present, members of the public may watch the proceedings via YouTube (see link above) in place of attending meetings in person. Members of the public who live or work in the area of the Shadow Authority may request to make a statement on any item on the public part of the agenda. Any person who wishes to make such a statement must submit their statement to the Monitoring Officer, via Democratic Services, at least 24 hours before the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Shadow Councillors are reminded that the Code of Conduct contains provisions relating to the declaration of interests. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for a fuller description of what constitutes an interest. Shadow Councillors are reminded of the seriousness of failing to declare an interest. Shadow Councillors are reminded that if they have a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest or a significant Non-Statutory Discloseable Interest in a matter to be discussed, whether registered or not, they must not take part in the debate or vote on that matter and should remove themselves from the meeting room irrespective of whether they are a member of the committee.

Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct, they need only declare the existence of an interest if that interest is not already listed in their register of interests. When declaring an interest at a meeting, councillors are asked to state:

- The item number in which they have an interest;
- The nature of the interest; and
- Whether the interest is a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest or Non-statutory Disclosable Interest.

It is the responsibility of individual Shadow Councillors to decide whether any of these provisions apply in particular circumstances, but Shadow Councillors may wish to seek the advice of the Interim Monitoring Officer before the meeting.