

Record of Decisions of the Shadow Executive Committee Meeting Held on 22 September 2020

Item	Subject	Decision	Responsible Officer
04	Minutes of the meeting held on 25 th August 2020	RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive: Approved the minutes of the meeting held on 25 th August 2020.	Paul Hanson
06	Programme Director's Update	RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive: a) Noted the high level programme delivery status; b) Noted the update on change readiness and change champion recruitment; c) Noted the communication and engagement update; and d) Noted and approved the finance monitoring report. REASONS: The report sets out the progress being made to mobilise the revised programme approach ready for implementation. It includes the finance monitoring report, the approach to change management and an update on the current status of communication completed or underway in relation to the changes to the programme. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The report is for information only. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.	Paul Helsby
07	Addressing Health Inequalities Report	RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive: a) Endorsed going out to tender for a new contract to address health inequalities; b) Noted that engagement is taking place from September 1st to September 28th 2020 and this feedback will be used to update Cabinet and to develop the service specification; and c) Noted that once Cabinet approval is obtained, the procurement for this new service will launch in November 2020 and the new service will start on 1st April 2021. REASONS: The report is related to a separate report sent to NCC Cabinet. Feedback from the consultation process will be used to further update the NCC Cabinet. The report sets out procurement approach,	Anna Earnshaw

		<p>with the aim of seeking endorsement for starting the tender process later in the year. Following this, the intention is for a new service to start in April 2021.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The report is designed to seek endorsement for the recommendations, with the final feedback and consultation going to future NCC Cabinet meetings.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	
08	West Northants Council Detailed Blueprint	<p>RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:</p> <p>a) Noted the content of the detailed blueprint which sets out more detail of how services will operate and the design principles that will underpin their future operation and service to stakeholders;</p> <p>b) Noted the key elements of service functions that we plan to transform and improve the functions and services (the “plus”);</p> <p>c) Noted the key activities that will be undertaken in each area during the first year of the new Council;</p> <p>d) Noted the high level feedback from the initial detailed blueprint briefings with staff, unions and members; and</p> <p>e) Adopted the detailed Blueprint as the basis of Day 1 functional design, subject to the identification of any further agreed opportunities to transform and improve service areas during the remaining months leading up to Vesting Day on 1st April 2021.</p> <p>REASONS: The report provided greater detail to the high-level Blueprint presented at the previous Shadow Executive meeting. The added detail is designed to give Members a greater understanding of the direction of travel during the implementation phase.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The report is not intended to direct policy and as such can be revised and amended should this become necessary.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	Anna Earnshaw
09	Safeguarding	RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:	Anna

	Adults Options	<p>a) Endorsed the establishment of one single Safeguarding Adults Board which would encompass North and West Northamptonshire Unitary Authorities; and</p> <p>b) Endorsed the creation of one system-wide Chief Officer post to support the Board and to provide professional advice and guidance to the DASS in each unitary authority.</p> <p>c) Endorsed that the West Northamptonshire Authority should review the arrangement after 12 months of operation.</p> <p>REASONS: The report sets out the benefits of having a single board across the two Unitary Authorities. Establishing a Safeguarding Adults Board is a requirement of The Care Act 2014. Maintaining a single board would maintain continuity of service for adults in the region.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The possibility of separating the North & West two create two separate Safeguarding Adults Boards was considered. This will still be possible if deemed necessary after the review noted at point c, which was added as an additional resolution during the meeting.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	Earnshaw
10	Children's Safeguarding Report	<p>RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:</p> <p>a) Endorsed continuing with a single NCSP from 1st April 2021; and</p> <p>b) Endorsed agreeing a hosted model for the NCSP business support office to be located with the Joint Director of Children's Services in North Northamptonshire Council.</p> <p>REASONS: The single NCSP is considered a mechanism of shared learning, with one point of contact and scrutiny. The requirement for a board of this type is set in legislation from 2018.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: Duplicating the suggested arrangement and having two separate NCSP's for the</p>	Cathi Hadley

		<p>North & West Authorities would incur further costs.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	
11a	Motion submitted by Cllr Zoe Smith	<p>RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:</p> <p>Amended the motion as referred. The motion now to read:</p> <p>Some of 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 members of the public; • how to engage relevant partners in this issue; and • how to put environmental matters on everyone’s agenda and in everyone’s work plan. <p>REASONS: The motion has undergone minor alterations to wording. Not all of the sovereign councils have declared a climate emergency, therefore the first point has been changed to reflect this. The motion also now refers to engaging relevant partners, rather than all partners, as this was deemed impracticable. The third point has been altered to reflect the wording of the first.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: To either accept or reject the motion as referred.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	
11b	Motion submitted Cllr Jonathan Harris	<p>RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:</p> <p>Rejected the motion submitted by Councillor Jonathan Harris.</p> <p>REASONS: It was felt that the motion could not be accepted, as the continuation of some contracts may be necessary in the transition from a Shadow to a Unitary Authority. Members of the Shadow Executive noted that they want to avoid causing issues by allowing contracts to expire during this transition period. It was also felt that these contracts would not</p>	

		<p>impinge upon the future interests of the West Northamptonshire Authority.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: To either accept or amend the motion as referred.</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	
12	Website Supplier Award	<p>RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:</p> <p>Adopted the recommendations as set out in the report, the content of which was exempt from publication under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972</p> <p>REASONS: The report was exempt from publication</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The report was exempt from publication</p> <p>CONFLICT OF INTERESTS DECLARED AND DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: None.</p>	Richard Ellis

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