

Meeting: West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority

Date: Please note this meeting (10th March 2021) has been reconvened from the meeting that was adjourned on 23rd February 2021 to consider the remaining items on that agenda only

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting via Zoom

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11	Pay Policy Statement Report by the Chief Executive	
12	Scheme of Members' Allowances 2021-22 Report by the Independent Remuneration Panel	
13	A new Constitution for West Northamptonshire Council Report by the Governance Task and Finish Group	
14	Interim Period Appointments and Indemnity for Officers and Members Report by the Monitoring Officer	

15	<p>Appointment of Independent Persons</p> <p>Report by the Monitoring Officer</p>	
16	<p>Motions of which notice has been given</p> <p>16 a) Motion submitted by Councillor Wendy Randall</p> <p>This Shadow Authority commends to the West Northants Council that they develop an anti-poverty strategy that is worked through all service areas. This will include the recommendations from the Food Poverty working group passed at the NBC Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The strategy will seek to ameliorate the poverty experienced by residents of West Northants. It will seek to support people out of poverty. It will seek to prevent the slide into poverty. Crucial to this will be the development of the authority as a Living Wage Foundation Living Wage Authority, including Living Wage Foundation accreditation.</p> <p>Also crucial to this will be access to benefits and debt advice. In the recent past this service has levered in an additional £7 million for Northamptonshire residents. All service heads will be required to produce an anti-poverty strategy for their area of work, to be incorporated into an authority wide strategy, and reported on annually.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Wendy Randall Seconded: Cllr. Rufia Ashraf</p> <p>16 b) Motion submitted by Councillor Wendy Randall</p> <p>The Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up a working group within the council to develop further understanding of the council’s role around food supply, resilience and insecurity. This will include, but is not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ensuring all children entitled to them, receive food vouchers in school holidays, and have their families receive them in a timely manner. (ii) supporting the development of a local Food Partnership using the Sustainable Food Places approach to strengthen food resilience in the authority; and (iii) developing a food resilience strategy and food action plan for West Northamptonshire 2. Ask Scrutiny to map the extent of food insecurity in West Northamptonshire. 3. Continue to work with Northampton MPs to encourage Government to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Support our local economy and local food production and suppliers 	-

	<p>to protect workers jobs so that food supplies are sustained throughout the pandemic;</p> <p>(ii) Ensure resilience of our food supply chains.</p> <p>(iii) Support food-based initiatives that reduce health inequalities and food insecurity.</p> <p>(iv) Commit to legislate the existing commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals to end hunger by 2030;</p> <p>(v) Commit funding in the next spending review for the five Sustain policies to protect children's health and increase access to nutritious food that is culturally appropriate within the National Food Strategy;</p> <p>(vi) Increase Universal Credit so people can buy enough food.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr. Anjona Roy Seconded: Cllr. Muna Cali</p>	
17	<p>Urgent Items</p> <p>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.</p>	-
	<p>Catherine Whitehead, Proper Officer 15th February 2021</p>	

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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: 35 (one vacancy)	Number of Councillors 43 (two vacancies)	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 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	Tony Ansell Rufia Ashraf Mohammed Azizur-Rahman Sally Beardsworth Jane Birch Alan Bottwood Muna Cali Nazim Choudary 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	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	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

Ian Robertson John Shephard David Smith Mike Warren Mark Wesley Lesley Woolnough	Mary Markham Les Marriott Arthur McCutcheon Dennis Meredith Jonathan Nunn Brian Oldham Nilesh Ramesh-Parekh Suresh Patel Emma Roberts Catherine Russell Brian Sargeant Zoe Smith Danielle Stone Graham Walker	Allen Walker*	Alice Kim Ord Ken Prichard Peter Rawlinson Lisa Samiotis Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke Sandi Smallman 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 23 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.

