

# WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Shadow Executive members present:

Councillor Richard Auger	Councillor Matthew Golby
Councillor Lizzy Bowen	Councillor Ian McCord (Leader and Chair)
Councillor Rebecca Breese	Councillor Jonathan Nunn (Deputy Leader)
Councillor Adam Brown	Councillor Phil Larratt

## Other Shadow Council members present:

Councillor Anthony Bagot-Webb	Councillor Anjona Roy
Councillor André Gonzalez de Savage	Councillor Dennis Meredith

## Officers present:

George Candler	Interim Chief Executive, West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Marie Devlin-Hogg	HR Enabler, Future Northants Programme
Theresa Grant	Chief Executive, NCC and Strategic Delivery Director, Northamptonshire LGR Programme
Paul Hanson	Democratic Services Manager, NCC
Paul Helsby	Programme Director, Northamptonshire Unitary Integrated Programme
Martin Henry	Interim Chief Finance Officer, West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Andrew Hunkin	Executive Director: Resources (Monitoring Officer), SNC and Legal and Democratic Lead, Future Northants Programme
Rebecca Peck	Assistant Director to the Chief Executive, NCC
Jeremy Rawling	Head of Programme Management Office, Future Northants Programme
Ian Vincent	Chief Executive, SNC
Susan Zeiss	Interim Monitoring Officer, West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

There were none.

### 2. NOTIFICATION OF REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING.

There were none.

### 3. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

### 5. THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE - TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Legal and Democratic Lead, Future Northants Programme, introduced the report to the Shadow Executive and highlighted the salient points.

The recommendation was proposed and seconded. Upon the vote being taken it was **RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive approved Appendix 1 - the Joint**

## **Implementation Executive - Terms of Reference and Roles and Responsibilities.**

### **6. WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY TASK AND FINISH GROUPS – TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Legal and Democratic Lead, Future Northants Programme, introduced the report to the Shadow Executive and highlighted the salient points. He drew the Executive's attention to a typographical error in the terms of reference for the Transformation Task and Finish Group, whereby references to North Northamptonshire should be replaced by references to West Northamptonshire. A corrected version had been uploaded to the website.

The recommendation was proposed and seconded. The Chair proposed that an Environment Task and Finish Group be established and asked Councillor Brown to take this up with officers.

Other councillors in attendance made the following points:

- It was suggested that the structure of task and finish groups be reviewed to give opposition councillors with particular experience and expertise an opportunity to contribute to their work; and
- Clarification on the role of the Accommodation Task and Finish Group was sought.

In response to the question about the Accommodation Task and Finish Group, the Strategic Delivery Director, Northamptonshire LGR Programme confirmed that the work of the group would be focussed on day one accommodation needs. There would be a requirement for liaison with the equivalent group in the North in order to complete this task.

In responding to comments, the Chair indicated that places on task and finish groups had been allocated on a proportionate basis. If councillors felt they had a deep expertise in a particular subject, it was down to them to make the case to their group leader that they should be appointed to a particular Task and Finish Group.

Upon the vote being taken it was:

#### **RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:**

##### **(i) Approved the setting up of the following Task and Finish Groups:**

- **Council Governance**
- **Council Tax Harmonisation**
- **Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)**
- **Senior Appointments**
- **Vision and Culture**
- **Transformation**
- **Civic Functions**
- **Equalities**
- **Disaggregation**
- **Communications and Engagement**
- **Day One Accommodation.**

##### **(ii) Approved the setting up of an Environmental Task and Finish Group and requested officers put in place the necessary arrangements; and**

##### **(iii) Approved the terms of reference for the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority Task and Finish Groups (Appendices 1 to 11).**

### **7. UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF SENIOR OFFICERS**

The HR Enabler, Future Northants Programme, introduced the report to the Shadow Executive and highlighted the salient points.

The recommendation was proposed and seconded. The Chair advised the Shadow Executive that he had written to the existing senior officers to encourage them to apply for the positions advertised.

Other councillors in attendance made the following points:

- It was suggested that all Shadow Councillors be given the opportunity to meet with the candidates and that the candidates have the opportunity to visit various areas of West Northamptonshire; and
- Internal applicants were wished the best of luck.

In response to a question from a member of the Shadow Executive, The Strategic Delivery Director, Northamptonshire LGR Programme confirmed the intention was for the new Head of Paid Service to take up their post by November 2020.

**RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive noted the progress made and next steps with recruitment to the permanent roles.**

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 6.40pm

