WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY

SHADOW EXECUTIVE MEETING

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Report Title	Programme Director's Update
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1.   Purpose

1.1   The purpose of this report is to appraise the members of the progress being made to create West Northamptonshire Council.

2.   Recommendations

It is recommended that the shadow executive:

 a) Notes the progress being made to mobilise the programme ready for implementation.

 b) Approves and adopts the Change Management Strategy.

 c) Notes and approves the finance monitoring report.

3.   Issues and Choices

3.1   Report Background

3.1.1 The approach to setting up West Northamptonshire Council had to be amended to reflect the impact of the COVID – 19 pandemic, which was set out in the Prospectus for Change – Next Chapter. The attached slides form the Programme Director's update that 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.

3.2   Issues and Choices

3.2.1 The creation of a draft blueprint for West Northamptonshire Council will be presented to the Executive in July setting out the approach and choices available.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 The delivery costs and benefits have been re-profiled and covered in detail in the Finance Monitoring Report attached. Members are asked to note that the changes to the programme delivery costs are fully met from within existing approved financial resources. There is no requirement to provide additional funds and this situation will be carefully monitored on a monthly basis.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 The full extent of the impact of the pandemic is still emerging and we cannot be sure that a further outbreak is likely or not. The programme has been reorganised to mitigate this as much as possible but it will be necessary to monitor the situation carefully to ensure the resources needed from the sovereign councils are available for the implementation phase of the programme.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 No implications in this report

4.4 Equality and Health

4.4.1 No implications in this report