

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 23rd June 2020

Shadow Executive members present:

Councillor Ian McCord (Leader and Chair)

Councillor Lizzy Bowen
Councillor Rebecca Breese
Councillor Adam Brown

Councillor Matthew Golby
Councillor Phil Larratt
Councillor Jonathan Nunn (Deputy Leader)

Other Shadow Council members present:

Councillor Penny Flavell

Councillor Anjona Roy

Officers present:

George Candler	Interim Chief Executive, West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Richard Ellis	Chief Executive, SNC
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 Enabler, Future Northants Programme
Lou Spolton	Communications and Engagement Manager, NCC
Audra Statham	Chief Finance Officer, SNC and Finance Enabler, Future Northants Programme
Ian Vincent	Chief Executive, DDC
Susan Zeiss	Interim Monitoring Officer, West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority

1. **APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Richard Auger.

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

There were none.

3. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

4. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH JUNE 2020**

RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive approved the minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2020, subject to the correction that Mr Ian Vincent is Chief Executive of Daventry District Council.

5. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

6. **THE ASSETS, CAPITAL SCHEMES AND RESERVES NOTIFICATION PROCESS**

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

The recommendation was proposed and seconded. In response to questions from the Shadow Executive, the following were confirmed:

- It would be the intention to report matters requiring notification to the formal Shadow Executive meetings;
- Examples of exceptions to the matters requiring notification included appointing to vacancies at the sovereign authorities; and
- Matters that had previously been budgeted for would not have to be notified under this process.

The Chair confirmed that an informal agreement along similar lines had been in place for some time.

Upon the vote being taken it was

RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive approved and adopted the Assets, Capital Schemes and Reserves Notification Process as set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

7. PROGRAMME DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Programme Director, Northamptonshire Unitary Integrated Programme, introduced the report to the Shadow Executive and highlighted the salient points:

- Within the Mobilisation Plan, the detailed benefits realisation and the ICT plan were rated 'amber' and would be subject to review;
- In terms of day 1 service arrangements, it was anticipated that 70-80% of County Council services would be disaggregated on day 1. Remaining services would be allocated to a host authority and disaggregated when it was safe and legal to do so;
- Day 1 assurance planning was almost complete. 50-60 essential service requirements had been identified;
- The Change Strategy demonstrated the commitment to undertake as much transformation as possible, with the transformation programme continuing beyond vesting day;
- A revised Communications and Engagement Strategy had been put in place, as well as an online consultation hub. The YouTube channels were being promoted as a means of viewing shadow authority meetings;
- In relation to programme finance, it was emphasised that the base costs of the programme had not changed and that the transformation programme was being funded within the existing financial envelope.

In responding to questions, the Programme Director confirmed that recruitment of more Change Champions would take place in the future, particularly in areas of the programme that were under-represented.

The Finance Enabler, Future Northants Programme, introduced the finance report to the Shadow Executive and highlighted the salient points:

- The figures highlighted within the report included the original LGR budget of £43.45m and additional expenditure met from the County Council's base budget as a result of amalgamating the Council Council's change programme;
- The overall cost of the programme had not changed but was expected to yield savings of over £84m. A significant proportion of these savings had been

realised; and

- The impact of the cancellation of elections, redundancy costs and contingencies had all been reviewed. In response to a question, the Finance Enabler confirmed that the contingency for the current year was £2.193m.

The recommendation was proposed and seconded. Upon the vote being taken it was:

RESOLVED: That the Shadow Executive:

- a) Noted the progress being made to mobilise the programme ready for implementation.**
- b) Approved and adopted the Change Management Strategy.**
- c) Noted and approved the finance monitoring report.**

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

