

**West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority**

# **FORWARD PLAN OF DECISIONS**

**Plan Number 002**

**August 2020 to October 2020**

**The next forward plan covering the period August 2020 to November 2020 will be published on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

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## INTRODUCTION

This is the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority's Forward Plan. It is published pursuant to The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012. Its purpose is to provide the required 28 days notice of the Shadow Authority's intention to take 'key decisions' and to hold meetings or parts of meetings in private. It gives advance notice of all the "key decisions" and other executive decisions which the Shadow Executive or another body or officer so authorised are likely to take over a four month period. The Plan is updated on a monthly basis.

At times it may be necessary for the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority to give consideration to items where the public must be excluded from the meeting. Members of the public are excluded from meetings whenever it is likely that, in the view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that confidential information would be disclosed. This includes exclusion from access to any pertinent documents. Details of the exemption categories can be found in the 'Access to Information Procedure Rules' section in the Shadow Authority's Constitution. This plan provides advance notice of any items which may be held in private.

Each entry identifies:

- The matter in respect of which a decision is to be made.
- The name of the decision making body.
- The date on which, or the period within which, the decision will be taken.
- How and to whom representations (about the decision) can be made.
- What reports/papers are, or will be, available for public inspection.

The concept of a "key decision" is intended to capture the most important or significant decisions. "Key decisions" will be made at meetings open to the press and public. The press and public will only be excluded from such meetings as and when the Shadow Authority's Monitoring Officer determines that this is necessary in order to avoid the public disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

A Key Decision means a decision which is likely:-

- (a) to result in the relevant local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are significant. For the purposes of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority, significant shall be defined as expenditure or savings of £500,000 or more in a single transaction or related series of transactions.
- (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the relevant local authority."

In determining the meaning of "*significant*" for these purposes the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority will have regard to any guidance for the time being issued by the Secretary of State in accordance with section 9Q of the Local Government Act 2000 Act

Other decisions that will be published in the Forward Plan include:

- (a) The draft Budget or a draft of one or other of the plans or strategies which make up the Shadow Authority’s “policy framework”. The Shadow Executive’s role in relation to these matters will be to agree a draft which will then be presented to the Shadow Authority Full Council for approval (details of all of plans/strategies etc which are to be considered within the life of the plan are set out at the back of the plan); and
- (b) Other decisions which, whilst they are not “key decisions”, are considered by the Leader to have significant cross-cutting or corporate implications.

The Members of the Shadow Executive are:	
Councillor Ian McCord	Leader of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Councillor Jonathan Nunn	Deputy Leader of the West Northamptonshire Shadow Authority
Councillor Richard Auger	
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Councillor Rebecca Breese	
Councillor Adam Brown	
Councillor Matthew Golby	
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All general questions or queries about the contents of this Forward Plan or about the arrangements for taking key decisions should be raised with Democratic Services.

Please email: [democraticservices@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:democraticservices@westnorthants.gov.uk)

Subject of the decision:	Committee	Responsible Shadow Executive Member	Is it a key decision?	Will the report contain exempt information?	Reason for exemption, if any	Anticipated Date of Decision:	Report Author	Supporting documents (if any):
<b>July 2020</b>								
Programme Director's Update and Budget Monitoring Report	Shadow Executive	-	No	No	N/A	21 July 2020	Paul Helsby	
<b>August</b>								
Programme Director's Update and Budget Monitoring Report	Shadow Executive	-	No	No	N/A	25 Aug 2020	Paul Helsby	
<i>Future Northants Programme – Draft blueprints and Lead Authority Model</i>	<i>Shadow Executive</i>	-	<i>No</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>21 July 2020</i>	<i>Paul Helsby and Anna Earnshaw</i>	
<b>September</b>								
Programme Director's Update and Budget Monitoring Report	Shadow Executive	-	No	No	N/A	22 Sept 2020	Paul Helsby	
<b>October</b>								
Programme Director's Update and Budget Monitoring Report	Shadow Executive	-	No	No	N/A	27 Oct 2020	Paul Helsby	