



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

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**A meeting of the Council will be held at The Great Hall at The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 29 June 2023 at 5.00 pm
Councillors are hereby summoned to attend**

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Minutes of Council (Pages 7 - 14) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of Annual Council held on 18 May 2023.
4.	Chair's Announcements To receive communications from the Chair of the Council.
5.	Public Participation (1) Receipt of Petitions (if any) from Local Government Electors for the District (2) Questions (if any) from the Public
6.	Opposition Priority Business Proposed by: Cllr Bob Purser Seconded by: Cllr Wendy Randall The West Northamptonshire Council's Corporate Plan 2021-2025 Priority 3 Improving Connectivity states: 'We will improve the quality of our roads and the timeliness of pothole assessment and the associated repairs process.' It will result in 'improved road quality' and 'Our roads repair programme will be a beacon of efficiency'.

The condition of urban and rural roads in West Northamptonshire continues to deteriorate. Potholes are rife and carriageways are breaking up, with roads and cycle paths dangerous to cyclists. It is recognised that WNC inherited from the predecessor Northamptonshire County Council an inadequate budget and poorly managed Highways contract.

Nonetheless, after two years of the new authority, even with the additional 'short-term fixes' for 2023/24 of £1.8 and £1m funds identified by the Government and West Northants Council respectively, the level of investment is inadequate, so that the condition of roads, cycle paths and pavements continues to deteriorate.

Additionally, the new contract agreed in mid-2022 with assurances of improvement has not reached the minimum standard set by this Council.

Therefore, to achieve the objectives set in the Corporate Plan, this Council invites the Leader of the Council to instruct the Cabinet Member for Highways to:

1. Specify where the additional £2.8million for 2023-24 is being spent
2. Bring forward to Cabinet a costed five-year investment plan for bringing the roads paths and cycle ways up to a good standard.
3. Improve the performance of the contract with Kier to good by June 2024 and if this is not achieved bring a report to this Council setting out options for terminating the contract.

7. Cabinet Reports and Record of Decisions Taken by Council (Pages 15 - 102)

Items of Business

8. Annual Report and Summary of Performance 2022/23 (Pages 103 - 188)

9. Updates to the Constitution (Pages 189 - 192)

10. Update to Political Balance and Committee Places (Pages 193 - 196)

11. Chief Officer Fixed Term Appointment and Remuneration (Pages 197 - 202)

12. Integrated Care Northamptonshire - Outcomes Framework (Pages 203 - 210)

13. Motions

Motion 1

Proposed by: Cllr Sally Beardsworth

Seconded by: Cllr Rosie Humphreys

Background

Last month, the Career's Leave Bill, championed by Liberal Democrat MP Wendy Chamberlain was passed and will shortly become law. Millions of people care for loved ones, doing everything from day-to-day physical caring, washing, dressing and feeding for those who cannot care for themselves, to things like shopping for a household elderly relative. Yet far too many unpaid carers go without adequate support and struggle to balance caring responsibilities and work.

Earlier this month (5th June – 9th June) it was Carers Week.

Research has revealed that 19 million people in the UK have provided unpaid care but have not been identified as carers. Many simply see themselves as a parent, partner or friend.

This means millions of carers could have missed out on vital support. This figure equates to approximately 73%.

Research also shows that providing unpaid care has had a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of 8 million people in the UK. Too often caring comes at the cost of carers own health. 31% of those who have provided unpaid care have said that their own health and wellbeing had suffered as a result of their caring role. This is an issue that has been flagged through the engagement process of the Health & Wellbeing strategy in our own area of West Northamptonshire.

More must and needs to be done both at a national and local level.

Resolution

This council therefore resolves to convene a roundtable, during Parliament's Summer recess, with our local MP's, a cross-party members group, unpaid carers from across our council area and WNC council officers to understand the problem specifically within our own area and explore what further can be done to recognise and improve the situation for unpaid carers who ultimately save local authorities and the state millions of pounds.

Motion 2

Proposed by: Cllr Cheryl Hawes

Seconded by: Cllr Harry Barrett

This Council is shocked by recent incidents of knife crime in West Northamptonshire.

Partners in the CSP include; West Northants Council, Northants Police, Probation Service, Integrated Care Board and the Fire Service, as well as including Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation (NHS) Trust, Office of the Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, Youth Offending Service, Voluntary and Community and Faith Sector Organisations, Registered Housing Providers, Northamptonshire Children's Trust and the University of Northampton

Further notes, that the Government of this day announced that it would amend the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to ensure that serious violence is an explicit priority for Community Safety Partnerships, and by making sure they have a strategy in place to tackle serious violence.

	<p>This Council will therefore:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to acknowledge and promote the ongoing work of the Community Safety Partnership. 2. Bring forward initiatives to promote community engagement on community safety. 3. Recognise the value of taking a public health approach, to continue to bring forward the production of a Serious Violence Strategy as required under The Serious Violence Duty by January 2024 4. Note the recent Serious Case Reviews and develop an action plan from the recommendations that have come forward. 5. Recommend that West Northamptonshire Council observe the date of the first visit of the Knife Angel, the national monument against violence and aggression, to our region, and from this point forward mark a program of 'Anti-knife and violence crime' events each spring, that reflect our commitment to tackling this problem, that has an adverse effect on our communities. 6. Encourage all Councillors to commit to becoming an 'Anti Violence Champion' by signing or re-signing a pledge.
<p>14.</p>	<p>Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)</p> <p>The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
21 June 2023

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