



**West
Northamptonshire
Council**

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**A meeting of the Council will be held in The Great Hall at The Guildhall,
Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 21 March 2024 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 9 - 26) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22 February 2024.
4.	Chairman's Announcements To receive communications from the Chairman of the Council.
5.	Public Participation (1) Receipt of Petitions (if any) from Local Government Electors for the District (2) Statements (if any) from the Public
6.	Opposition Priority Business Proposed by: Cllr Wendy Randall Seconded by: Cllr Bob Purser "More than 9,000 potholes were reported on West Northamptonshire roads last year,

an increase of over 1,300% from the previous year (662). But the number of potholes West Northamptonshire Council is repairing has fallen by -14% over the past three years and it has subsequently paid out £7,212 in compensation to drivers since November 2021. Furthermore, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee identified that there will be a £1.9m reduction in spending on road maintenance in next year's budget.

On 26 February 2024, the UK government announced its Local Transport Fund; £4.7 billion worth of investment to improve local transport connections from ending the HS2 North project. West Northamptonshire Council received an allocation of £162,831,000 from 2025-2032 to 'invest in transformative and ambitious transport improvements' and improve connectivity.

This Council:

- Agrees to share with all members the forthcoming guidance from the Department for Transport on the scope of the funding and the council's delivery requirements

And Council calls on Cabinet to set out clear plans for residents on how thus funding will be used to improve:

- The condition of our highways and pavements
- The local transport and bus network
- The council's active transport offer"

7.	Cabinet Reports and Records of Decisions Taken by the Cabinet (Pages 27 - 142)
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Items of Business	
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8.	West Northamptonshire Council Pay Statement for 2024/25 (Pages 143 - 164)
9.	Business Plan of Northamptonshire Children's Trust (Pages 165 - 246)
10.	Annual Report of the Pensions Committee (Pages 247 - 258)
11.	Annual Report of the Local Pension Board (Pages 259 - 268)
12.	Community Governance Review - Update and Stage 2 Consultation (Pages 269 - 300)
13.	Updates to the Constitution (Pages 301 - 364)
14.	Review of Arrangements for Planning Committee (Pages 365 - 396)

15.	West Northamptonshire Local Plan – Permission to Consult (Pages 397 - 756)
16.	Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 757 - 760)
17.	Audit and Governance Committee - Appointment of Coopteers (Pages 761 - 764)
18.	<p>Motions</p> <p>To debate any motions which have been submitted with advance notice, in accordance with the Council’s Procedure Rules.</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u></p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr Emma Roberts</p> <p>Seconded by: Cllr Keith Holland-Delamere</p> <p>“More than 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 12.7% of these incidents occur in public spaces. Council further notes that fewer than one in 12 patients (7.8%) survive after experiencing an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA).</p> <p>Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside CPR treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80% if used in the first 5 minutes. However, it is estimated that AEDs are used in less than 10% of OHCA’s.</p> <p>Considerable effort has been taken by Northamptonshire Police, Off the Streets NN, and town and parish councils to provide more bleed bags and bleed control cabinets in West Northamptonshire since 2021, with the number now standing at over 100. It also appreciates that AEDs are equally as important in providing a means to save lives in the absence of emergency services.</p> <p>Though there are public defibrillators across the council footprint, including some council premises and assets, there are gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs and at present there is no holistic mapping system listing all AEDs in West Northamptonshire. Acknowledgement is given to both Circuit, British Heart Foundation and NHS databases, but mapping this for our footprint is crucial.</p> <p>Therefore Council calls on Cabinet to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compile a WNC list, and interactive map, of all public defibrillators in West Northamptonshire, including those in non-council premises, which can be published and linked to circuit and GoodSAM • Use this data to identify gaps in AED provision in West Northants • Invite the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee to consider any arising recommendations for Cabinet • Review and, where appropriate, increase the provision of defibrillators across all council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall.”

Motion 2

Proposed by: Cllr Paul Joyce

Seconded by: Cllr Cathrine Russell

“The Guildhall has been the home of the elected assembly of Northampton since it was completed in 1864. It holds a significant position in the civic and political life of Northampton as the recognised home of the old Borough and current Town Council and Northampton’s town hall. Its construction was paid for by the people of Northampton, for the people of Northampton.

On 16 January, Cabinet approved plans to end the Town Council’s current leasehold in April 2025 as part of WNC’s Office Optimisation strategy.

The Town Council have rented several offices within the historic Guildhall since 2021, which has provided a source of income to the council and served as a recognition of both councils’ authority and dignity. This is an income and trust that has been jeopardised by Cabinet’s decision.

Council therefore requests the Cabinet:

- Publish its business case on removing the Town Council from Guildhall, including the financial and logistical benefits
- Reconsider this decision in light of the possible reputational damage this would do to the Council.”

19. Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

20. Exclusion of Press and Public

In respect of the following items the Chairman may move the resolution set out below, on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information (information regarded as private for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1972) would be disclosed to them: The Committee is requested to resolve: “That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that if the public were present it would be likely that exempt information under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act of the descriptions against each item would be disclosed to them”

Proper Officer
13 March 2024

Council Members:

Councillor John Shephard (Chair)

Councillor Jo Gilford (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Ann Addison

Councillor Rufia Ashraf

Councillor Jamal Alwahabi

Councillor Azizur Rahman

Councillor Anthony S. Bagot-Webb

Councillor Fiona Baker

Councillor Dermot Bambridge

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Councillor William Barter

Councillor Sally Beardsworth

Councillor Phil Bignell

Councillor Lizzy Bowen

Councillor Rebecca Breese

Councillor Adam Brown

Councillor Michael Brown

Councillor Muna Cali

Councillor Alan Chantler

Councillor Pinder Chauhan

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Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM

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Councillor Fiona Cole

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Councillor Julie Davenport

Councillor Janice Duffy

Councillor Paul Dyball

Councillor Gareth Eales

Councillor Terrie Eales

Councillor Alison Eastwood

Councillor Penelope Flavell

Councillor Louisa Fowler

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Councillor James Hill

Councillor Nigel Hinch

Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere

Councillor Mark Hughes

Councillor Rosie Humphreys

Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift

Councillor David James

Councillor Koulla Jolley

Councillor Paul Joyce

Councillor Andrew Kilbride

Councillor Anna King

Councillor Jamie Lane

Councillor Phil Larratt

Councillor Daniel Lister

Councillor Malcolm Longley

Councillor Greg Lunn

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Councillor Charles Morton
Councillor Kevin Parker
Councillor Bob Purser
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Councillor Sue Sharps
Councillor Zoe Smith
Councillor Carl Squires
Councillor Danielle Stone
Councillor Nick Sturges-Alex
Councillor Mike Warren

Councillor Colin Morgan
Councillor Jonathan Nunn
Councillor Ken Pritchard
Councillor Wendy Randall
Councillor Jake Roberts
Councillor Cathrine Russell
Councillor Brian Sargeant
Councillor David Smith
Councillor Richard Solesbury-Timms
Councillor Laura Stevenson
Councillor Winston Strachan
Councillor Walter Tarasiewicz

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

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Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare that fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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