

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the
Cabinet held on Tuesday 6 December 2022**

1. Date of publication of this summary: 6th December 2022
2. Deadline for requests for call-in (detailing reasons for doing so): 13th December 2022
3. Earliest date for implementation of decisions: 14th December 2022
4. Urgent decisions taken and not subject to the call-in procedure: 6th December 2022

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p>Agenda Item 6 Report of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Tree Policy and Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet welcomed the recommendations of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee in relation to the Tree Policy and Strategy and undertook to review the recommendations and respond with detailed proposals at a future meeting.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee established a Task and Finish Group with the purpose of making recommendations to Cabinet to achieve a harmonised current Tree Policy and Strategy which includes initiatives which support the goals of the Council's Corporate Plan. 2. Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 18 October 2022 approved the report of the Tree Policy and Strategy Task and Finish Group (Task and Finish Group) for submission to Cabinet for its consideration at its meeting on 8 November 2022. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p>

<p>Corporate Plan Performance Report - 2022-23 Q2</p>	<p>That Cabinet noted the content of the appendix covering the second quarter of 2022-23.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED: To comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 to report Council performance to members</p> <p>This report is for information purposes and discussion only, there were no direct decisions made following the report.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8 Draft Integrated Care Northamptonshire Live Your Best Life Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewed and considered the draft ICN Strategy and endorse the system direction of travel, vision, ambitions and outcomes. 2. Provided comments and feedback to the Place Director (People Directorate) on fundamental points of difference. 3. Endorsed plans to build upon the West Northants Health & Wellbeing Strategy and ensure alignment with the adopted ICN Strategy going forward. 4. Recommended the adoption of the ICN Strategy to the Integrated Care Partnership on 1st December 2022 5. Supported the further alignment of the WNC Corporate Strategic Plan with that of the ICN strategy and outcomes framework particularly in relation to how WNC work with partners in Local Area Partnerships 6. Agreed to receive an annual report on the progress of the ICN strategy and outcomes framework. <p>REASONS RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In June 2022 Members agreed the Live Your Best Life ambitions and the new ICN Operating Model which are the fundamental building blocks of the draft ICN Strategy. 2. In July 2022 the systemwide Strategy Development Board (SDB) took on the responsibility to produce

the draft ICN Strategy. The members of the SDB include representatives from both West and North Local Authorities, Northamptonshire Healthcare Foundation Trust, University Hospitals Northamptonshire, Integrated Care Board, Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise, General Practice, Pharmacy, Healthwatch, Public Health and supported by communications and engagement colleagues. Given the range of stakeholder involvement in the development of the draft ICN Strategy throughout the production period, all partners should endorse and commit to the 10 ambitions and delivery of their associated outcomes described in the document.

3. The draft ICN Strategy sets out the long-term vision, ambitions, outcomes framework and the ICN Operating Model and how they all interconnect to support successful integrated working.
4. Metrics in the form of a scorecard for each ambition are currently in development and although don't form part of the final ICN Strategy will help inform the delivery plans included in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the ICB 5 Year Joint Forward Plan. Measurement and reporting against the agreed metrics will demonstrate whether delivery of the outcomes included in the ICN Strategy are achieving success or whether activities and resources need to be refocused. An annual report will be presented to cabinet to evidence the progress against the strategy and the associated outcomes.
5. The WNC Corporate Strategy should be further enhanced in its delivery by WNC's commitment to the delivery of the ICN strategy. There are opportunities in relation to WNC services working to the Local Area Partnership (LAP) footprints.

	<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 Procurement of a WNC Fleet management contract</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet gave approval to procure a new fleet management contract.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that the Council complied with statutory and regulatory duties. 2. To ensure that the Council vehicles were safe and fit for use. 3. To maximising cost-effectiveness. 4. To provide customers and staff of the Council with vehicles which would be fit for purpose and welcoming. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insourcing of the service. Insourcing can make sense in some cases, notably where the Council has sufficient demand to sustain a level of staffing and expertise in the services in question, and when quality of outsourced provision is hard to control. However, the existing contracts for these services have operated well, and insourcing would also create significant new costs associated with vehicle investment. • Disaggregation of the contract into small lots. A disaggregation would increase the time and processes requirement for administration of the contracts and is likely to increase the contract costs too.
<p>Agenda Item 10 Homecare Services Commissioning Intentions including extension to existing framework</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet approved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. A new framework for the purchasing of commissioned home care services be introduced from July 2023. B. Duration of the framework would be four years with an inclusive option to extend for a further period of 12 months; resulting in a framework for a maximum duration of 5 years

- C. Applicants' admission to the framework would be determined via competitive tenders.
- D. The existing homecare framework is extended until 01 October 2023 (with a recognition that it will cease before 01 October 2023 to coincide with the commencement of the new framework)
- E. The Executive Director for People Services in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health is authorised to take all operational decisions necessary to implement the above recommendations.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. Entirely insourcing the provision of home care; this is not recommended due to the anticipated significant additional costs.
2. Partially insourcing the provision of home care for rural packages. This could address the challenge of providing commissioned care in rural areas. This is not recommended; insourcing rural packages would increase the cost of home care. It would also reduce the amount of commissioned care by around 25%. This could undermine the operational and financial viability of providers.
3. An open approved list could be introduced as an alternative to a closed framework. This is not recommended because this could increase the number of providers with an associated increase in competition for home care packages which would further erode providers' operational and financial viability.
4. With the relevant approvals and consent of service providers the current notice period under the existing home care agreement could be extended for a further specified period. This is not recommended: commissioners have been working with providers for a considerable

	time on the co-produced proposal.
<p>Agenda Item 11 Extended photovoltaic system for One Angel Square</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved a capital budget of £102k in 2022/23 to extend the photovoltaic array and install a green roof at One Angel Square. 2. Authorise the procurement of services and works and entering of contracts to facilitate the works. <p>REASONS RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To help with mitigating the electricity costs of the building. 2. To support the Council's efforts in meeting the net zero target for 2030 by increasing the generation capacity from renewable resources. 3. To assist in keep the building in good repair. <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The choices available to the Council are as follows.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Do nothing and leave the building as it is. This would not enable the Council to mitigate against increasing energy costs or carbon emissions. The area from where the pebble was removed will still need to be covered to avoid damaging the roof insulation. B. Carry out the proposed installation C. It would also be possible to omit the green roof improvements. However, these help to secure the building against further expensive damage and also help ensure it does not contribute to flooding.
<p>Agenda Item 12 Procurement and implementation of Children's Social Care Case Management System</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Approved by Cabinet and then on to Council for approval due to the financial value:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Agreed to proceed with the replacement of the Case Management System for the Children's Social Care across Northamptonshire, which will be operated by Northants Children's

Trust (NCT), with a financial contribution by WNC of £1.573m as outlined in section 6.

- B. Delegated authority to the Lead Member for Children, Families, Education and Skills, in liaison with the Executive Director of People Services, to take any further decisions and actions required to implement the Case Management System and award contracts in relation to this.
- C. Recommended to Council that a budget change is made as set out in the report, and that it delegates authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance to access and utilise appropriate funding for the Case Management System for Children's Social Care.

REASONS RESOLVED:

- 1. To implement a new Case Management System that is fit for purpose and meets the statutory obligations for delivering Children's Social Care across Northamptonshire.
- 2. Other alternatives considered include:
 - For the current system (CareFirst) to continue to be used impacting the transformation and process changes to be reflected on the case management system.
 - For the Eclipse system to be implemented under the current service and system. However, the contract will still expire in Jan 2025 and a reprocurement would need to begin prior to implementation of the system in order to award a new contract.
 - To have no case management system would not be a viable option that could be considered.
 - There are no other case

	<p>management software applications in use within the Council that that could be utilised by NCT.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13 Revenues and Benefits Single Software System</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Noted the contents of this report. B. Approved the procurement, purchase, and implementation of a single software system for Revenues and Benefits. C. Gave delegated authority to the Executive Director for Finance to take any further decisions and actions required to procure and implement the new system in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance. <p>REASONS RESOLVED: The Council will gain productivity efficiencies from a single software system. It will also allow for harmonisation of processes and procedures and will bring the team together to deliver efficiencies and a much-improved service.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: The former Northampton area using the NEC Northgate system is not performing as well as the other sites. This may be due in part to the fact that a significant amount of Northgate modules have not been implemented. The service could consider implementing these, but it would come at a considerable cost to the service both external costs from Northgate purchasing and internally in staff time to implement.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 14 Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) - Annual Report 2021 - 2022</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the Cabinet received the Annual Report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2021 – 2022 (Appendix A) and noted the findings.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED:</p>

	<p>To comply with statutory requirements under the Care Act 2014. To ensure that Cabinet is made aware of the work of the Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:</p> <p>The report is for information only. The report has been developed via contributions from statutory partners and has been reviewed and approved by NSAB's Strategic Board.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 16 Old Black Lion Lease Arrangements</p>	<p>RESOLVED: The recommendation that was set out in the report was agreed by Cabinet.</p>