

Council

A meeting of the Council will be held in the Great Hall, The Guildhall, St Giles Street, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Thursday 23 March 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 - 22) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 13 th February 2023.
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) Questions (if any) from the Public
6.	Opposition Priority Business Proposer: Cllr Emma Roberts Seconder: Cllr Keith Holland-Delamere This Council notes: that the Socio-Economic Duty (Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010) (6) requires public bodies to adopt transparent and effective measures to address the inequalities that result from differences in occupation, education, place of residence or social class. While the Duty has been enacted in Scotland and Wales. The United

Nations has criticised the UK government for failing to activate the Duty since 2010.

That authorities in Newcastle, Southwark, Stroud and North of Tyne have signed up and Councils including in Sheffield, Preston, Glasgow, Wigan, York, Bristol & Manchester are taking action due to cutbacks and financial struggles affecting their residents. In the midst of the cost-of-living crisis it is essential now more than ever that this Council's Anti-Poverty Strategy is directly linked with any decisions this Council makes. The socio-economic duty is a central element that localities seeking to address poverty should adopt.

The work done to create an Anti-Poverty Strategy for West Northamptonshire Council and the work done so far drawing upon good practice examples from other towns and cities and the consultation with diverse local community groups, unions, and our partners in the voluntary and community sector. The work of the Anti-Poverty Oversight Group is acknowledged. A key factor for all concerned in the creation of the strategy was that this Council would "sense check" all decisions made against this strategy. This is not at present being consistently applied.

Section 1 of the Equality Act 2010 asks public bodies to consider how their decisions and policies could increase or decrease inequality that results from socio-economic disadvantage. Voluntarily adopting the duty will complement the anti-poverty strategy, inclusive economy, and equalities approaches as well as strengthening our sustainability commitments.

This Council resolves to:

Formally adopt the Socio-Economic Duty

'Poverty-check' decisions and policies for socio-economic impact, and how this interacts with other types of inequalities (protected characteristics e.g., race, disability, sex) including within EIAs (Equality Impact Assessments) and include anti-poverty impact assessments in all WNC reports.

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| 7. | Cabinet Reports and Records of Decisions Taken by the Cabinet (Pages 23 - 152) |
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Items of Business

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| 8. | Northampton Local Plan Part 2 (Pages 153 - 390) |
| 9. | Statement of Gambling Policy (Pages 391 - 438) |
| 10. | Updates to the Constitution (Pages 439 - 744) |
| 11. | Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Lifecycle Works - Recommendation from Cabinet (Pages 745 - 750) |

<p>12.</p>	<p>Motions</p> <p><u>Motion 1</u></p> <p>Proposer: Cllr Rosie Humphreys Seconder: Cllr Sally Beardsworth</p> <p>West Northamptonshire Council, like all local authorities, has a statutory duty to promote and safeguard the welfare of children in need in our area. Children and young people in our unitary authorities are experiencing an epidemic of mental health challenges at present as the recent report of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee has demonstrated.</p> <p>Looked after children are at much greater risk of poor mental health than their peers. Our children’s social care system could be improved by reintroducing therapeutic support that was available in our children’s homes until 2016. This support could operate in residential facilities and be available to fostered children. Positive outcomes could include quicker diagnosis of conditions and providing better support for children with special educational needs and disabilities. Early intervention is a wise investment and in order for this Council to take its corporate parent role effectively it must give greater focus to the children in its care.</p> <p>We call on this Council, subject to Cabinet approval, to appoint a Task and Finish Group to identify the therapeutic needs of our children in care and how they may be supported.</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p>Urgent Business (previously agreed with the Chairman)</p> <p>The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p>Exclusion of Press and Public</p> <p>Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:</p> <p>“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph(s) XXXXX would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”</p>

Council Members:

Councillor Andre Gonzalez De Savage (Chair) Councillor John Shephard (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	Councillor Harry Barrett
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
Councillor Nazim Choudary	Councillor Imran Ahmed Chowdhury BEM
Councillor Paul Clark	Councillor Stephen Clarke
Councillor Maggie Clubley	Councillor Fiona Cole
Councillor Raymond Connolly	Councillor Karen Cooper
Councillor Daniel Cribbin	Councillor Julie Davenport
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Councillor Cheryl Hawes	Councillor Rosie Herring
Councillor Stephen Hibbert	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
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Councillor Emma Roberts

Councillor Sam Rumens

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