

**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on
Wednesday 3 May 2023**

Agenda Item	Decision
Agenda Item 4 Minutes	RESOLVED: That the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the minutes of the meeting on 21 February 2023 as an accurate record.
Agenda Item 6 West Northamptonshire Council Housing Allocations Policy	<p>RESOLVED: That the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>a) Recommended that work to develop the new Housing Allocations Policy explores the potential for West Northamptonshire Council to apply a broader definition of overcrowding than the statutory definition.</p> <p>b) Recommended that the relevant successor Overview and Scrutiny committee agrees to carry out pre-decision scrutiny of the draft Housing Allocations Policy.</p>
Agenda Item 7 Fostering services in West Northamptonshire	<p>RESOLVED: That the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended that the relevant successor Overview and Scrutiny committee should seek to consider the following matters relating to provision for children in care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quality assurance framework and processes put in place to support effective operation of fostering services in future • The outcomes delivered by the Valuing Care project on opportunities to step down care placements • An overview of the operation of the multi-agency referral panel and of the decision-making panel for children entering local authority care, to include data on caseloads, decisions and the outcomes for young people

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data on the number of children in care from West Northamptonshire, broken down by relevant factors • An outline of any discussions between the Northamptonshire local authorities and the Department for Education about the long term future direction for the Northamptonshire Children’s Trust organisational model.
<p>Agenda Item 8 West Northamptonshire Anti-Poverty Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested a response to the question of why the distribution of Household Support Fund 4 funding needed to be determined by an individual decision by the Leader of the Council rather than by the Cabinet.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 Review of Committee Work Programme</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed that draft 2022/23 Quality Accounts received from local NHS organisations would be circulated to all Committee members to feed back any comments for inclusion in responses to be sent by the Chair b) Recommended that successor Overview and Scrutiny committees should consider the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s work programme when setting their work programmes for 2023/24.