

Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 12 December 2023

1. Date of publication of this summary: 12th December 2023
2. Deadline for requests for call-in (detailing reasons for doing so): 19th December 2023
3. Earliest date for implementation of decisions: 20th December 2023
4. Urgent decisions taken and not subject to the call-in procedure: N/A

Agenda Item and Recommendations	Decision
<p>Agenda Item 2 Minutes</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 14th November 2023.</p>	<p>The minutes from the Cabinet meeting of the 14th November 2023 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record</p>
<p>Agenda Item 6 Response to the Report of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Integrated Care across Northamptonshire (iCAN) Scrutiny Review</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Agreed the responses to the recommendations of the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutiny review of Integrated Care across Northamptonshire as described in section 5 of this report. b) Thanked, the Task and Finish Group for its work on the iCAN programme c) Agreed that the West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board ensures the delivery of the responses provided in this report. <p>REASONS RESOLVED: The recommendations resulting from the scrutiny review were intended to contribute to the development of effective services supporting independent living for frail older people in West Northamptonshire. This reflected the Overview and Scrutiny function's role for the development and review of policy.</p>

	<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 7 Revenue Monitoring Period 7 - Financial Year 2023-24</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the forecast outturn position for 2023-24 and associated risks. b) Approved the use of flexible capital receipts as detailed in section 7. c) Noted the deliverability assessment of West Northamptonshire Council savings requirement for 2023-24 summarised in section 8 and detailed in Appendix B d) Delegated authority to the Executive Director – Finance in consultation with the portfolio holder for finance to apply any budget virements required to effectively manage the overall budget. e) Noted the Treasury Management update in Appendix C <p>REASONS RESOLVED: Updated members on the financial position of the Council and ensure that the Authority complies with its financial regulations.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8 Period 7 General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Monitoring Report 2023-24</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the in-year additions to the Adults Services Capital programme as outlined in Section 6 b) Approved the proposed budget adjustments and reprofiling outlined in section 7 and detailed in Appendix B. c) Noted the latest capital monitoring position for the General Fund and HRA. d) Noted the new capital schemes and changes to the Capital Programme since the report that was considered by Cabinet in September 2023. <p>REASONS RESOLVED: To continue to ensure sound management of the council's finances.</p>

	<p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 9 2024-25 Draft Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved for consultation the 2024-25 Draft Budget, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. an estimated net revenue budget of £860.2m (£409.2m excluding Dedicated Schools Grant) as set out in Appendix A ii. an average Band D Council Tax of £1,778.25 for West Northamptonshire Council, which represents an average increase of 4.99%. (2.99% increase in 'core' Council Tax and 2% Adult Social Care Precept) iii. proposed Fees and Charges as detailed in Appendix C iv. provisional dedicated schools grant budget of £451m as detailed in Appendix D v. the draft Capital Programme additions as set out in Appendix E. b) Note the estimated tax base for West Northamptonshire at 143,691.71 Band D equivalent properties, as set out in paragraph 6.56. c) Delegate authority to the Executive Director – Finance to agree and set the final tax base. d) Delegate authority to the Executive Director – Finance to take the necessary steps to introduce the new premiums on long term empty properties and second homes at the earliest opportunity as set out in paragraphs 6.59-6.61. e) For the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Notes the provisional allocations and planned usage of the DSG for 2024-25 pending the final DSG settlement ii. Following consultation with the Schools Forum, delegates authority to the Executive Director for Children's Services

to determine the DSG 2024-25 schools funding formula, high needs funding arrangements and the Early Years Funding Formula in line with Department for Education guidance.

REASONS RESOLVED:

To ensure that the Council complies with its Constitution and all other relevant requirements in setting the budget for West Northamptonshire Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

The Council must set a budget. Full Alternatives will be considered for individual proposals where Cabinet approval is required.

**Agenda Item 10
2024-25 Draft Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan**

RESOVLED: Cabinet:

1. Approved for consultation the draft HRA budget 2024-25
2. Approved for consultation the 7.7% (£8.00) increase in average rents from £103.79 to £111.79 per week, in accordance with the government's amended Rent Standard with effect from the 1 April 2024.
3. Approved the 7.7% increase in tenants and leaseholder service charges with effect from the 1 April 2024 as set out in Appendix 5
4. Approved the 7.7% increase in garage rents and commuter surcharges with effect from the 1 April 2024. This will increase the average rent per garage from £10.96 to £11.80 and the commuter surcharge from £17.41 to £18.75 per week respectively, as set out in Appendix 5
5. Approved the draft 2024-25 management fee to Northamptonshire Partnership Homes in Appendix 4 to deliver the services in scope within the management agreement.
6. Approved for consultation the draft

	<p>HRA Capital Programme for 2024-25 to 2028-29.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED: The Council has a statutory duty to set a balanced HRA budget each year, as well as a financially sustainable capital programme.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 11 Corporate Plan Performance Report - 2023-24 Q2</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted the content of the appendix covering the second quarter of 2023-24.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED: The appendix provided with this report was for information purposes and discussion only, there were no direct decisions to be made following the report.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 12 Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) Annual Report 2022-2023</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet received the Annual Report of Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2022 – 2023 (Appendix A) and noted the findings.</p> <p>REASONS RESOLVED: Under the Care Act 2014 section 43, the Local Authority has a duty to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board, who in turn has a core duty to publish an annual report. The report provides assurance to the Cabinet of the activities undertaken to help safeguard adults across West Northamptonshire.</p> <p>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: None</p>
<p>Agenda Item 13 West Northamptonshire Council (Northampton) Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) 2023</p>	<p>RESOLVED: Cabinet; Approved the new Public Spaces Protection Order as set out in Appendix B for a period of three years.</p>

REASONS RESOLVED:

- Achieved significant benefits for customers of the Council as outlined in the body of the report.
- Be in accord with anti-social behaviour legislation and the policy of the Council and its partners
- Delivered the preferred option for partner agencies and the majority of respondents to the public consultation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

The new Order includes two new provisions:

- Riding a bike or scooter when requested not to do so by the Police or a Council authorised person
- Busking when requested not to do so by the Police or a Council authorised person

The current Order also has provision for the control of dogs, however this has been removed from the renewal as it is now covered under a separate Order.