

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL
PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Report Title	Carried Motions on Notice – Predecessor Councils
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Appendix A – Carried motions on notice from predecessor councils in the West Northamptonshire area

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The report provides details of carried motions on notice from the predecessor councils of the West Northamptonshire area in the previous six years for consideration and comment by the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 At the meeting of full Council held on 15th July 2021, the following motion on notice was carried:

“This council recognises:

The importance of motions passed within the previous four authorities in the West Northamptonshire catchment area.

That it is crucial to ensure any democratic decisions are retained and flow through into the present day thinking of WNC.

That adopting an exercise to preserve the above will not only efficiently capture all approved motions into one report, it also will reaffirm the importance of local democratic decision making.

This council resolves:

- *To instruct the Democracy & Standards Committee to collate any motions passed in the last six years within the previous authorities.*
- *That once collated, these motions will be forwarded to the relevant Scrutiny Committee to pass comment on.*
- *That once this process is completed, a report containing all legacy matters will be brought to the earliest possible full council, with the target of December 2021's meeting. The report will lay out all motions which should be voted on individually for acceptance or any minor modifications. Such changes must not seek to alter the fundamental principles previously passed."*

2.2 This report facilitates the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee contributing to the second stage of the process agreed by full Council.

3. Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that People Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the carried motions relevant to its remit, provides comment and considers whether to add details to its work programme for 2021/22.

3.2 Reason for Recommendations

3.2.1 The recommendations are a result of the carried motion on notice as detailed in paragraph 2.1 of this report.

4. Report Background

4.1 The motion carried by full Council on 15th July 2021 that forms the background to this report is set out in paragraph 2.1 above.

4.2 Officers subsequently carried out an information-gathering exercise to collate carried motions on notice since June 2015.

4.3 Appendix A to this report sets out the collated carried motions on notice from the predecessor councils:

- Daventry District Council (DDC)
- Northampton Borough Council (NBC)
- Northamptonshire County Council (NCC)
- South Northamptonshire Council (SNC)

4.4 The Democracy and Standards Committee considered the collated carried motions on notice at its meeting on 30th September 2021. The Committee resolved:

- a) To note the carried motions from the previous six years from the predecessor councils: Daventry District Council, Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council and South Northamptonshire Council.
- b) To forward the collated motions, as attached at Appendix A, to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committees for comment.
- c) To recommend that the Council publishes motion updates annually on its website in future, to provide members of the public and councillors with the facility to access motions that have been passed at Council meetings, without having to go through the minutes of each meeting.

4.5 Each of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny committees will consider the collated motions on notice at their respective meetings in November 2021.

4.6 Other local authorities have published motion updates annually on their websites, which provide members of the public (and councillors) with the facility to access motions that have been passed at Council meetings, without having to go through the minutes of each meeting. The date of the Council meeting at which the motion was considered is recorded, along with the motion and the responsible officers, in addition to an anticipated timeframe for the motion to be completed.

5. Issues and Choices

5.1. Committee members are asked to note the update on carried motions and consider providing comment on the carried motions relevant to the remit of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

6.1.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the proposals.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Council has a responsibility to debate and act upon carried motions on notice submitted to meetings of full Council.

6.3 Risk

6.3.1 There are no specific risks arising from the proposals.

6.4 Consultation

6.4.1 Not applicable.

6.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

6.5. Each of the three Overview and Scrutiny committees will consider the carried motions of the four predecessor councils and provide comment.

6.6 Climate Impact

6.6.1 There are no immediate climate implications arising from this report.

6.7 Community Impact

6.7.1 There are no immediate community implications arising from this report.

7 Background Papers

Full Council agenda and minutes – 15th July 2021

Democracy and Standards Committee – agenda and minutes – 30th September 2021