

Overview and Scrutiny

Carried motions on notice from predecessor councils

The West Northamptonshire Council meeting on 15th July 2021 agreed the following motion:

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 and 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.*

A summary of the motions collated by the Democracy and Standards Committee is set out below. Please note that the summary shows the topics of the motions, not the exact wording in each case, to keep this document to a manageable length. The summary divides up motions by subject area, whilst also seeking to identify those motions that seem to require no further action now.

Motions divided into subject areas have been further coded as follows:

-  Carried motion closed or no longer considered to be required in original form
-  Outside the remit of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee
-  Still valid and within the remit of the People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Health, wellbeing and social care

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
<p>To note that Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a cultural practice that makes some young girls in our local communities very vulnerable. It is often referred to as ‘cutting’ and is a form of child abuse. It happens to young girls in our county and in our town. This Council believes we can act together to stop it happening in our town.</p> <p>To agree that this Council will do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with the Police and other agencies so that we understand the scale of the problem. • Ensure all relevant front-line staff through training are aware of this issue and how to support victims. • Continue to work with groups such as the Women’s Forum and to support events such as International Women’s Day in order to raise awareness of these issues. • Acknowledge the work of the Scrutiny Panel into Interpersonal Violence, and the contribution to this work of groups such as the Women’s Forum, BME SRP, Northampton Women’s Aid. • To identify the groups that are campaigning against this practice in order to sign post vulnerable girls and their families to them; support the campaigns by disseminating any appropriate literature; and ensure the relevant local campaign groups are aware they have the support of this Council. 	21/09/2015	NBC
<p>To ask the relevant scrutiny committee to conduct a review (seeking input from colleagues in the Borough / District Councils) with a view to improving the overall length of waiting times experienced for adaptation services in Northamptonshire.</p>	26/11/2015	NCC
<p>To agree to request, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, central government to develop and initiate a national integrated health and care strategy, as a matter of urgency, removing the obstacles in the path of those moving from the NHS to community-based care through putting in place an effective and equitable funding regime.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Current national policy concerning the development of Integrated Care Systems reflects similar principles to those in the motion. The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme includes work on the Northamptonshire ICS and integrated care.</i></p>	08/10/2016	NCC

<p>To write to the Secretary of State for Health and our local MP urging that when the Government reviews funding to community pharmacies, the number of these pharmacies across South Northamptonshire should be retained in full, as they provide a vital service to rural communities, which would be disproportionately penalised by any reduction.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Government funding and aims for community pharmacy services are set out in the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework for 2019/20 – 2023/24, which supports the NHS Long Term Plan.</i></p>	19/10/2016	SNC
<p>To recognise the value of community pharmacies as an important primary healthcare service and the role they play in our local community. To explore the potential implications in our county of government aims regarding the re-modelling of community pharmacies through the appropriate scrutiny committee. To consider the appropriate action as a result including any communication with Northamptonshire MPs.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Government funding and aims for community pharmacy services are set out in the Community Pharmacy Contractual Framework for 2019/20 – 2023/24, which supports the NHS Long Term Plan.</i></p>	24/11/2016	NCC
<p>To agree that NCC will work with voluntary sector organisations like the Lowdown to ensure their services are sustainable and that there is capacity in the county to meet the mental health needs of our children.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme includes work on children and young people’s mental health.</i></p>	24/11/2016	NCC
<p>To agree to adopt the Motor Neurone Disease Charter and thereby support achieving quality of life, dignity and respect for people with MND and their carers.</p> <p><i>NOTE: NBC adopted the Motor Neurone Disease Charter.</i></p>	10/07/2017	NBC
<p>To recognise the importance of the Keep Safe Scheme that supports people with learning disabilities to keep safe and get help in an emergency when out. To provide training on the Scheme to all new staff at the one stop shop during their induction.</p>	18/09/2017	NBC
<p>To write to local MPs urging them to persuade the Government to reduce the stakes on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to the lower end of the proposed spectrum, preferably £2.</p> <p><i>NOTE: Regulations reducing the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2 came into effect on 1st April 2019.</i></p>	06/11/2017	NBC

<p>To support mental health awareness and the Government's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health. To agree that NBC will further promote a prevention-focused approach to improving the public's mental health, including supporting community-based initiatives, for example, community choirs and health walks, which make a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society.</p> <p><i>NOTE: NBC signed the Prevention Concordat and took actions supporting its principles.</i></p>	09/07/2018	NBC
<p>To ask scrutiny, working with NCC scrutiny and partners, to carry out investigation into Adult Social Care facilities in the area to identify future demand patterns, in order that the new Unitary Council is able to better plan for the needs of older people in the future.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The NBC Overview & Scrutiny Committee carried out a task and finish review, which reported to the Cabinet on 24th July 2019.</i></p>	09/07/2018	NBC
<p>To express NBC's strong support for the recommendations in the Creative Health report by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts about how engaging in the arts can bring benefits to health and wellbeing. To note the specific recommendation encouraging all local authorities to designate an individual to take cross-sector responsibility for arts, health and wellbeing.</p>	05/11/2018	NBC
<p>To call upon NBC to produce a Sports Strategy for the people of Northampton that draws on the Sports Strategy for West Northamptonshire of 2009. The Strategy should review current facilities, identify gaps, and reflect current user preferences and requirements.</p>	11/03/2019	NBC
<p>To set up a cross-party working group to develop an anti-poverty strategy for NBC that will also be offered to the new unitary authority.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The NBC Overview & Scrutiny Committee carried out a task and finish review of food poverty in 2019/20 – 2020/21. WNC is in the process of developing a new Anti-Poverty Strategy, which is being scrutinised.</i></p>	22/07/2019	NBC
<p>To liaise with NCC to see what provision will be provided in Daventry town for residents of the Evelyn Wright care home following its projected closure.</p> <p><i>NOTE: The NCC Cabinet agreed on 14th January 2020 to the closure of Evelyn Wright Care Home and to the transfer of customers to other services.</i></p>	05/12/2019	DDC

To support 'The lives we want to lead' – the LGA green paper for adult social care and ask our local MPs and the Government to engage with the Adult Social Care, All Party Parliamentary Group to achieve a non-party sustainable long term answer to the future provision of Adult Social Care.	02/11/2020	NBC
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Children, young people and families

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue to campaign with the F40 group, our MPs and other relevant parties to redress the current unfair funding formula on behalf of Northamptonshire's schools and write to the Minister in charge and the Prime Minister to seek assurances that no post 16 education establishments in Northamptonshire will close as a result of any reduction in funding.	26/11/2015	NCC
To ask the Children, Learning & Communities Scrutiny Committee to request all schools to provide breakfast clubs for their pupils if not already doing so; to investigate the benefits of this action; and to investigate how sponsorship might play a part in funding it. To circulate information obtained to all schools in the county.	26/11/2015	NCC
To confirm that NBC will work further with NCC to explore the option of having Northampton represented in the UK Youth Parliament again.	13/03/2017	NBC
To agree to explore options that would allow NCC to reinstate the Northamptonshire Young Leaders Forum. To agree to continue to work with representative groups of young people in the county to promote democracy and important issues like mental health.	23/11/2017	NCC
To support NBC's collaborative work with the Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Youth Offending Service, University of Northampton and Free to Talk in developing a training and awareness package about crime and serious violence that will be offered to schools and youth groups. <i>NOTE: NBC used Home Office funding to carry out youth work in three areas of the borough; held a youth conference to deliver community safety messages to Year 6 students in local primary schools; and delivered a knife crime awareness programme in local secondary schools and colleges.</i>	23/01/2018	NBC

To call upon NCC to publish an up-to-date School Places Strategy; a School Improvement Strategy setting out actions to improve aspirations and attainment; and to provide quarterly progress reports on the delivery of outcomes from these strategies.	22/03/2018	NCC
To write to the Minister of State for Immigration demanding that the fee for children to register as British citizens is reduced to the administrative cost and demanding that looked after children are exempted from the fee. To identify children in their care who are entitled to citizenship and make sure they are aware of their rights and supported to claim them.	20/09/2018	NCC
To ask the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Children to take action to: narrow the gap in achievement in Northamptonshire secondary schools and academies, making it a council priority; improve educational progress, attainment and skills at all key stages; intervene to ensure a trust acts more swiftly when it identifies that an academy is at risk of underachieving; write to the Regional Schools Commissioner to request his intervention, as a matter of urgency, when a school requires improvement or is inadequate. <i>NOTE: The People Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme will include work on pupil attainment and support for school improvement.</i>	21/03/2019	NCC
To support the local campaign for a Youth Centre for Northampton.	20/01/2020	NBC
To support the campaigns for more youth services across the county, a Youth Centre for Northampton, and youth forums for each of the two new unitary councils.	17/09/2020	NCC
To support the Government's 'Kickstarter scheme', helping create jobs for young people in Northampton, putting them at the heart of the town's economic revival from the Covid-19 pandemic. To call upon local businesses to sign up to providing quality, 6-month, subsidised work placements for those aged 16-24 on Universal Credit.	14/09/2020	NBC
To recognise the problems for children and families that can result from free school meals not being available during school holidays. To recognise that this problem has been further highlighted during the COVID-19 pandemic and is likely to increase in future. To agree that the Council will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Northampton MPs and the County Council to support the extension of the voucher scheme to all school holiday periods and to look to embed the scheme all year round. 	02/11/2020	NBC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urge National Government to act to ensure this gap is filled. • Support calls to protect pupils forced to self-isolate, who will not receive their free school meal and may go hungry. • Work with Partners to establish Holiday Clubs where children can access social activities as well as food, providing financial relief for parents on very low incomes, so that no child goes hungry over any school holiday. • Scope and investigate the possibility of harnessing additional funding targeted to identified groups who already do or wish to offer these services. • Continue to direct a portion of the community fund budget into community organisations, who already do, or wish to, offer these services. • In continuing to work with the County Council, commit to taking the points in this motion forward into the West Northants authority. 		
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Housing

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree that NBC will continue to work together to develop a proposal to finance and build new social housing locally. The proposal will be submitted to government for their support and approval.	18/09/2017	NBC
To review current policy regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation to assess the extent and impact of HMOs on existing communities, including reviewing the concentration of Class C4 (Houses in Multiple occupation), and mixed C3/C4 use or sui generis Houses in Multiple Occupation use (more than six people sharing) uses within the 50m radius.	18/09/2017	NBC
To commit to a robust, coordinated, intelligence-led response to breaches of legislation by landlords and tenants in the private rented housing sector and calls on the police and other agencies to do everything in their power to help support NBC in this.	22/01/2018	NBC
To note the success of the night shelter in tackling rough sleeping in Northampton. We are aware that concerns remain with rough sleeping and hidden homelessness, and we are aware that women in this situation are particularly vulnerable. To commit to:	23/04/2018	NBC

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully implementing “TOGETHER we change lives”, the borough’s 10-point multi-agency strategy for ending the need for people to sleep rough in Northampton; • Exploring the options for establishing a permanent emergency nightshelter that has the capacity and facilities to provide men and women with shelter and support; • Persuading local groups and services to do everything they can to help and encourage people to engage with local services and accept the help that they need in order to come off the streets and rebuild their lives; • Considering the role that ‘Housing First’ can play in reducing rough sleeping in the borough; • Working with partners to establish the true extent of hidden homelessness in Northampton and the way in which people with protected characteristics, physical and mental disability, addiction, forensic history and immigration are affected by hidden homelessness; and • Ensuring that everyone who is homeless is provided with a personal housing plan, and that the homelessness service is a two-way process with service users fully consulted and involved with the provision of the services they use. 		
<p>To support residents and parish councils in resolving concerns arising from management companies being responsible for open spaces and amenities. To encourage developers to consider all the alternatives available for managing the facilities on new developments in the borough and Northampton growth area, including seeking for developments to be adopted with sufficient resources to ensure that the maintenance of land is fully funded.</p>	10/09/2018	NBC
<p>To agree to take specified actions to reduce the risk from housing developments that established management companies to manage open spaces and amenities below the standard for adoption and with no democratic oversight or accountability.</p>	11/03/2019	NBC
<p>To recognise that there are significant concerns regarding the establishment of Managed Agencies on new developments. To urge our MPs raise this matter with the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government to work towards regulating Managed Agencies.</p>	21/03/2019	NCC
<p>To call on NBC to develop an ambitious long-term sustainable housing plan that reflects best practice in the field.</p>	04/11/2019	NBC

<p>To recognise the importance of work to progress the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Plan 2020. To write to West Northamptonshire MPs to ensure that the government continues to fund this work.</p> <p><i>NOTE: NBC wrote to West Northamptonshire MPs later in 2020 seeking their support for a funding bid to the Next Steps Accommodation Programme.</i></p>	09/03/2020	NBC
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Communities

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree to carry out further work to maximise the number of local residents registered to vote and the accessibility of polling stations.	08/06/2015	NBC
To write to all local supermarkets to ensure they are part of the Trolleywise scheme. To ask the relevant Cabinet member to consider how best the Trolleywise scheme can be promoted to the public.	02/11/2015	NBC
To recognise the importance of tidy neighbourhoods. To agree that NBC will challenge residents under their tenancy agreement if problems arise relating to keeping gardens and landscaping tidy and free of rubbish.	19/09/2016	NBC
To work with NCC and other local organisations to review capacity to provide support on a regular basis to refugees from Syria, whilst taking account of issues such as pressure on housing and school places.	19/09/2016	NBC
To agree to work with Northamptonshire Credit Union to create locality access for residents who cannot afford to travel to the Guildhall. To agree to promote the Credit Union in NBC literature when and wherever it is appropriate to do so.	07/11/2016	NBC
To adopt a new policy that play equipment will be repaired and replaced, as opposed to being removed, when damaged and to formalize a budget for this as part of the 2017/18 budget setting process. To continue NBC's work with Parish Councils, Residents Associations and Friends of Parks Groups to continue to identify funding for potential new schemes to bring additional play equipment to local areas.	12/12/2016	NBC

<p>To recognise the impact of special expenses on parished areas of Northampton. To note that NBC is working with parishes to enable them to take on the freehold of premises and open spaces within their areas. To note that NBC is also reviewing the designation of our parks and open spaces in order to ensure that in parish areas special expenses apply appropriately.</p>	18/09/2017	NBC
<p>To resolve to investigate whether NBC ought to use legal powers available to it to more effectively tackle the problem of abandoned shopping trolleys by charging supermarkets a fee for each trolley collected by NBC. To note that further work will be carried to enable the Executive to take a decision on this matter.</p>	05/11/2018	NBC
<p>To recognise the contribution to Northampton made by the Voluntary Sector and to agree: to include the VCS in NBC's forward plans; to ensure robust partnerships are in place for the new unitary authority; to work with partners to provide the VCS with sound funding and business advice and to develop support services.</p>	17/06/2019	NBC
<p>To call for improved access, experiences and outcomes of local government and integrated care services by BAME communities.</p> <p>To call for the accelerated development of culturally-competent occupational risk assessment tools that can be employed in a variety of occupational settings to identify and reduce the risk of exposure to and acquisition of COVID19, especially for keyworkers working with a large cross-section of the general public or in contact with those infected with COVID-19.</p> <p>To promote racial equality and encourage successor councils to combat racial prejudice, racism - including islamophobia and anti-Semitism, and white supremacist ideologies and behaviours.</p> <p>To encourage successor councils to adopt new policies to advance racial equality – with SMART action plans to address any racial inequalities which exist across all service areas and to incorporate strategic funding and support to promote Black, Asian, Jewish and minority ethnic history, arts and culture.</p>	18/02/2021	NCC

Highways and planning

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue dialogue with NCC, Local Enterprise Partnerships, national government bodies and developers, with the intention of providing funding to enable bringing forward an early start and completion of a relief road for Towcester.	22/07/2015	SNC
To encourage developments in which NBC is directly involved to consider having accessible toilets that meet the standards set by the “Changing Places” campaign.	02/11/2015	NBC
To strongly object to any further development to the south and south east of Northampton due to the impact it will have on local services, the lack of road infrastructure improvements and the impact on the A45 and local road network without adequate mitigation. To express concern at sites in East Wootton and South East Northampton being out forward for development in SNC’s Local Plan. To call on SNC to take account of views from Natural England and other wildlife organisations in developing its Local Plan.	13/03/2017	NBC
To recognise serious traffic issues in Kingsthorpe, which make building the North West Relief road and the Northern Orbital road an urgent matter. To agree that the aim should be to have as small a delay as possible between the openings of these two roads.	16/03/2017	NCC
To agree to work closely with developers, academies and trusts to make sure, where possible, schools that are being built in the county don’t build-in the traffic problems that are such a feature of many existing schools. To promote some of the excellent best practice examples already established in many schools across the county to help alleviate issues around drop off time in both existing and new schools.	16/03/2017	NCC
To require that all further development sites, not currently included within the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, but attributed to the growth of Northampton, are concentrated in the vicinity of the proposed Northern Orbital Road so that they can contribute to the delivery of this much needed infrastructure and secure its early delivery.	10/07/2017	NBC
To write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government seeking the amendment to permitted development rights relating to agricultural buildings under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (As amended) to reduce the risk of abuse relating to the conversion of modern buildings.	27/07/2017	DDC

To resolve to progress the delivery of a mix of housing alongside retail, hotel, leisure, and coach facilities on the Greyfriars site, working with NCC to improve highway infrastructure around and through the site.	11/12/2017	NBC
To commit to proposing, through the Local Plan process, a policy that there will be no new fast food outlets that fall within a 400 metre radius of schools. To consider creating a healthy food award for local retailers to encourage healthier food choices.	04/06/2018	NBC
To write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask for an urgent review of the National Policy Statement for National Networks, and all other associated policy guidance, to ensure that Strategic Rail Freight Interchange capacity is deployed as a national network across the country rather than being built in areas where developers have pre-existing land options.	10/09/2018	NBC
To agree to set up a cross party working group, working with a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties to produce a "People's Plan for Northampton" relating to town centre regeneration, to enable the new Unitary Council to prioritise projects in its first year. To request that the working group produces its report by September 2019.	05/11/2018	NBC
To call on the Administration to ask the new consultant appointed to produce a development plan for the former Greyfriars bus station site to draw up options for the site to be brought into a temporary use as a matter of urgency for the public's benefit, without detriment to a long term permanent development.	05/11/2018	NBC
To continue and increase SNC's effort to ensure planning permission for the Towcester 'relief road' meets Highways England's standard for adoption and lobby government to ensure Towcester gets an adopted bypass, and lobby government to have the A5 de-trunked through the town at the earliest possible date.	27/02/2019	SNC
To request that consideration is given to all open spaces with play equipment supplied and maintained by NBC being classified as Parks and Gardens and not as Amenity Green Spaces in Part 2 of the Council's draft Local Plan.	22/07/2019	NBC
To confirm NBC's position requiring that the Northern Orbital Road be developed and delivered as a matter of urgency to support the North West Relief Road, and that this be communicated to NCC.	20/07/2020	NBC
To write to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning and to local MPs expressing concerns at the effect of proposals in the 'Planning for the Future' white paper.	14/09/2020	NBC

To write to Government expressing concern at their proposal for deregulation of the planning system. To call on NBC to ensure that where housing is developed on commercial sites under the new regulations, that 35% of the housing is affordable and all is the best possible quality.	14/09/2020	NBC
To agree that a full response be made to the 'Planning for the Future' white paper consultation outlining specifically the negative impact that these revisions will have on local involvement / engagement in planning matters. To write to the Minister of State for Housing & Planning and to our local Member of Parliament expressing our concerns in line with the agreed response set out above.	08/10/2020	DDC
To agree that officers continue discussions with NCC Highways with the aim of securing a commitment to the erection of a safety rail, or to the provision of an alternative means of improving the safety of pedestrians, on the footpath alongside the section of the A361 below the dam of Drayton Reservoir before the transfer of responsibilities to the new West Northants Council.	18/02/2021	DDC

Environment

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree to implement any recommendations from the current Scrutiny Review concerning Air Quality in The Drapery. To note that the Administration is working with partners to address the abuse by motorists of the Traffic Regulation Orders applying to The Drapery, and are pursuing other measures to enable improved vehicle flows.	24/04/2017	NBC
To write to the Forestry Commission and the Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to advise them of the dissatisfaction of the council at the closure of the Tree Top Walk at Salcey Forest. To call on the Forestry Commission to bring the walk back into service without delay. To inform them that the council has a grants programme and providing details as to how they could apply for grant help toward the necessary repairs.	18/07/2018	SNC
To resolve to introduce a legally binding contract with commercial hirers of public open spaces to ensure the full restoration of the site and land impacted upon by the event, at the expense of the hirer, requiring a deposit to cover the likely cost of this work should it be deemed necessary. To liaise through park management committees regarding events in individual parks.	05/11/2018	NBC

To establish a Scrutiny and Improvement task panel to investigate whether DDC is doing all that it can to minimise its impact upon the environment and examine how DDC, through its actions, can provide leadership to local communities in seeking ways of reducing harmful emissions.	15/05/2019	DDC
To agree to declare a Climate Emergency in Northampton and commit to making it carbon neutral by 2030. To request a report at the start of 2020 setting out action taken and how the aim has been included in the start-up plans for West Northamptonshire Council.	03/06/2019	NBC
To declare a Climate Emergency in Northamptonshire and commit to a target of making Northamptonshire carbon neutral by 2030. This Council further commits to work with partners to deliver that goal. This Council calls upon its successor councils to continue this work once they come into existence.	20/06/2019	NCC
To call on NBC to work with public transport operators, NCC and the government to improve air quality by taking specified actions to reduce the use of diesel powered buses and coaches in the area, reduce cars idling, and establish car-free zones around schools where possible.	22/07/2019	NBC
To establish a scrutiny working group to assess the existing carbon footprint of the district and review potential actions and associated cost estimates this Council could take to limit the effects of climate change in South Northamptonshire. To call upon its successor West Northamptonshire Council to continue this work once it comes in existence.	24/07/2019	SNC
To commit to searching for best ways to encourage and work with local organisations, residents and businesses across the borough to see how they can make a difference to the environment through all relevant technologies, including options to switch to green energy companies.	16/09/2019	NBC
To call for a transformation of underused urban spaces across Northampton. To develop a tree planting strategy that will replace the number of trees that are being felled or have died. To increase the number of trees in the town to create a cleaner, greener Northampton.	16/09/2019	NBC
To call upon the administration to publish “provisional adjusted Air Quality Readings” as soon as adjustments have been applied by NBC Environmental Health Department and to take action to address any areas of concern.	16/09/2019	NBC

To call for a transformation of underused urban spaces across our county, to be planted with new trees to help the future generations enjoy what many of us have taken for granted. To request the initial work to form a joint plan for wider scale reinstatement of street trees as part of the move to Unitary.	19/09/2019	NCC
To call on NBC to develop an up-to-date Tree Policy.	02/11/2020	NBC

Recycling and waste

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To investigate and recommend innovative models for the recycling of cans and bottles that can be available in locations across the borough. The model recommended should educate, entertain and encourage the process of recycling.	12/03/2018	NBC
To agree to take specified actions to enable Northampton to lead an eco-friendly Britain relating to plastic waste and recycling, environmental education, a reward scheme to encourage recycling, and use of the planning process to encourage developers to consider low carbon developments.	03/06/2019	NBC
To pledge to continue playing a leading role in participating in and promoting the Refill Scheme in the district by supplying free tap water to visitors to the Forum building and being actively involved in encouraging local businesses to participate in the scheme including advertising the fact. This will be achieved through visits by its Environmental Health team and by talking to business groups and publicity.	24/07/2019	SNC

Transport

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To pledge to protect the interests of residents and communities with regard to Rail Central, and allocate a sum of £100,000 from unallocated reserves to be used for the preparation of reports, technical assessments, expert evidence, legal and professional fees to support the Council's position in safeguarding our residents and communities. To call upon the developer to urgently establish a fund to provide blight compensation for those residents affected by this proposal now, along similar lines to that which has been agreed for HS2.	13/04/2016	SNC

To carry out consultation with coach users and operators, taxi providers and the general public to ensure that coach facilities on offer in Northampton in the future are a credit to our town.	13/03/2017	NBC
To reaffirm the Council's opposition to HS2 and ask the Interim Chief Executive and Leader to write to the Secretary of State for Transport requesting that he conducts an urgent cost review of HS2 to assess if this remains both financially viable and value for money.	31/10/2018	SNC
To agree to work with companies seeking to deploy charging points for hybrid and electric vehicles and to work with NCC as the Highways Authority to aim to increase the amount of Rapid Charging Points available to the general public in Northampton.	22/07/2019	NBC

Community safety

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To continue a review of sprinkler systems in 10 Northampton Partnership Homes buildings. To undertake an urgent review of the planning policy with regard to residential developments and provisions for sprinkler systems in all new residential buildings of 5 storeys or above. To review the possible need for two separate staircases to exit tower blocks. To ask NPH to provide tenants of tower blocks with fire safety training.	10/07/2017	NBC
To resolve to call on the police to make use of all available powers to remove any illegal encampments from our parks and open spaces, bearing in mind the legal duties placed on NBC to assess the welfare needs of relevant groups. To resolve to investigate further legal opportunities to prevent / deter illegal encampments. To continue to work with the Countywide Traveller Unit and the police to increase the efficiency of the eviction process whilst continuing to abide by all legal requirements.	18/09/2017	NBC
To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	18/10/2017	SNC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	06/11/2017	NBC

To look forward to working with NBC's new environmental services contractor. To call on NBC's enforcement provider to continue to strenuously enforce legislation with regard to littering and fly-tipping, especially through using fixed penalty notices for those people who litter our streets. To commit that NBC will provide continued support to community groups and projects that help to provide clean, well-maintained, safe open spaces.	12/03/2018	NBC
To commit to take specified actions to build a good understanding of crime and anti-social behaviour in Northampton; to support the Northampton Community Safety Partnership and its community safety strategy; and support the government in delivering the new Serious Violence Strategy.	23/04/2018	NBC
To call on the public to help tackle the increasing problem of 'cuckooing' by looking for signs that their neighbours and friends are being abused.	23/04/2018	NBC
To agree to take specified actions supporting effective removal and prevention of graffiti in the borough.	10/09/2018	NBC
To acknowledge the importance of combating anti-Semitism in all its forms and welcome cross-party support for this within the Council. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism.	20/09/2018	NCC
To re-state NBC's condemnation of all forms of racism. To adopt the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance working definition of anti-Semitism as the basis for confronting and challenging incidents of this form of racism. To ask the Executive to look to adopt similarly agreed definitions to confront and challenge all forms of racism and discrimination that exist within society.	05/11/2018	NBC
To request that public fireworks displays in the authority be advertised in advance to enable residents to take precautions to protect vulnerable people and animals. To promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on vulnerable people and on animal welfare.	20/01/2020	NBC
To set up a multi-agency team to take specified actions to counter fly tipping and illegal rubbish dumping, track down perpetrators and ensure the appropriate action is taken.	20/07/2020	NBC

Economy

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To make representations to NCC and to the Minister for Digital Economy to clarify the Superfast Northamptonshire programme for Daventry District and to make every effort to ensure a speedy delivery.	25/02/2016	DDC
To agree to promote membership of the “Making It” and “Made in Britain” campaigns to local companies; to continue to encourage potential manufacturers to site within Northampton; and to use local suppliers wherever possible and cost effective to support the local economy.	14/01/2019	NBC
To commit to the continued support of our local market and market traders. To commit to publicising and encouraging public support for the festival of market activities taking place in May 2018. To commit to a longer term plan to develop the market square in consultation with the traders, retailers, the Northampton Town Centre Business Improvement District and the public.	23/04/2018	NBC
To agree to take specified actions to support the development in Northampton town centre of a showcase outlet for shoes and leather goods produced by local manufacturers.	09/07/2018	NBC
To agree that NBC will work with appropriate partners to support the upskilling of local workers to reflect increased use of technology and automation. The partnership will assist with provision of training, planning for the implications of new technology, and organising a symposium on the future of employment and the local economy.	05/11/2018	NBC
To agree to promote membership of the “Making It” and “Made in Britain” campaigns to local companies; to continue to encourage potential manufacturers to site within Northampton; and to use local suppliers wherever possible and cost effective to support the local economy.	14/01/2019	NBC

Arts and heritage

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To confirm NBC’s continued support for the National Leather Collection Trust in their work and commit that NBC and Councillors will continue to work collaboratively with the Trust to ensure its ongoing short and long term success in Northampton.	13/03/2017	NBC

To commit to work with local MPs and central government to secure funding for Northampton from the national support package for arts and heritage. To support the recovery of this sector by continuing to invest in the work of the Council's Heritage, Culture and Communities Team.	20/07/2020	NBC
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Finance

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To agree that the Council will join with the LGA to make representation to the government to reverse the decision to make a 1% increase in interest for loans from the Public Works Loan Board.	04/11/2019	NBC

Civic matters

Topic of motion	Date	Authority
To write to local MPs to encourage them to continue the campaign for a posthumous award of the Military Cross to Walter Tull.	20/07/2015	NBC
To ask the Northampton Women's Forum to hold an event commemorating Margaret Bondfield as the first ever woman MP for Northampton. To commit to commissioning a statue of her at The Guildhall in the next financial year.	18/09/2017	NBC
To propose that the local NHS be recommended for admission into the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton, in recognition outstanding services during the COVID19 Emergency.	09/03/2020	NBC

No further action potentially required – time specific and/or superseded by subsequent events

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To urge Northampton residents to vote in the forthcoming EU referendum and to ensure that they are as informed as possible about the choice they will be making.	20/07/2015	NBC	
To consider all options for future arrangements following the end of NBC's seven-year contract with Enterprise Managed Services in 2018.	20/07/2015	NBC	
To undertake a full and transparent review of the current culture at NBC and work to develop a climate where people can excel and are trusted to deliver the range of services residents across the borough expect. To agree that Trade Unions have a role to play in a democratic and accountable public authority.	21/09/2015	NBC	
To welcome the progress already made in the county towards closer working between the Police and Fire Services. To agree that NCC should continue to promote closer working and co-operation between the Police and Fire Services and opportunities should be sought over time to include the county's Ambulance Service in this process.	24/09/2015	NCC	
To agree to take whatever action is possible to assist Northampton Town FC and the Supporters Trust. To retrieve the £10.25m public money owed to NBC. To ask the Audit Committee to review NBC's policies and procedures and make recommendations necessary for implementation in business arrangements of this nature.	02/11/2015	NBC	
To agree to continue to use the Living Wage Foundation rate in paying NBC staff; seek accreditation with the Living Wage Foundation; and use NBC's influence to encourage other local employers to pay the Living Wage.	02/11/2015	NBC	

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To agree to commission, an independent study into the scope, benefits and costs of the various options for introducing unitary local government in Northamptonshire. The study will also take account of the wider aspects of public service reform and other possible devolved powers.	17/03/2016	NCC	
To urge the NHS and the Oxfordshire CCG to negotiate a delay in any disposal of the Middleton Cheney GP surgery property and to include this as part of the new partnership arrangement to reinstate the Middleton Cheney surgery.	19/10/2016	SNC	
To request that officers look into options regarding Middleton Cheney GP Surgery and report back at the earliest opportunity.	19/10/2016	SNC	
To support the TUC's "Dying to work Campaign" currently being developed in the Midlands and to support the lobbying of MPs to establish new legislation, currently being drawn up by the society of Labour Lawyers which: seeks to get terminally ill workers covered by Protective Rights at Work in line with those covered by Pregnancy/Maternity Rights; seeks to protect death in service benefits; and seeks to allow workers with terminal illnesses to die in dignity.	12/12/2016	NBC	WNC has adopted the Dying to Work Charter.
To agree that future provision of environmental services in the borough should be based on the principles of flexibility, responsiveness to the public, and involving local representative bodies in the design and management of services.	23/01/2017	NBC	
To support a model for local government organisation based on a Northampton unitary authority and ask local MPs to back NBC in this.	23/01/2017	NBC	
To resolve to introduce the webcasting of official NBC meetings, including Council, Cabinet, Committee and Scrutiny meetings that are open to the public, at the earliest opportunity.	24/04/2017	NBC	

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To ask the relevant Cabinet Member to look at how Northampton can play a part in Refugee Week in 2018.	19/06/2017	NBC	
To agree that a future review of NBC's constitution should address the need for a reporting back process on motions agreed by Full Council.	18/09/2017	NBC	
To ask the review of NBC policy on HMOs to look at the approach taken by Oxford City Council as a case study of good practice.	06/11/2017	NBC	
To commit to positive and productive collaboration with residents, resident Associations and parish councils as part of new arrangements for the provision of Environmental Services in 2018. To ask Overview and Scrutiny to determine the most effective process to share feedback from the community with the contractor.	11/12/2017	NBC	
To refer the sale of The Daventry Estate Company Limited properties in Middlemore to Scrutiny and Improvement Committee for investigation and put the sale on hold pending the outcome of this work.	22/02/2018	DDC	DDC agreed not to proceed with the sale on 26/07/2018.
To commit to undertake consultation with local residents to explain proposed changes to local government in Northamptonshire and to seek residents' views on the key issues and requirements of a new unitary council to serve Northampton residents.	04/06/2018	NBC	
To ask officers to explore the disposal of libraries with community organisations where there is an intention and the will to form an independent library. Efforts should be made to streamline this process to allow this to happen as soon as possible. To recommend that the Director of Public Health does not proceed with the permanent closure of the remaining libraries until the outcome of the Judicial Review hearing, to be heard on July 26 th and 27 th 2018, is known.	21/06/2018	NCC	

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To resolve to work with the friends of the four community libraries in Northampton under threat of closure to facilitate that the libraries remain open for community use.	09/07/2018	NBC	
To agree that proposals for changes to SNC's adopted Constitution must be considered by Full Council following receipt of a written report published five clear days in advance of the relevant meeting. If urgent changes are required these should be dealt with under SNC's adopted emergency procedures and reported with justification of the urgency, to the next scheduled Full Council meeting.	18/07/2018	SNC	
To ask officers to investigate and report back on options to help the Council to enable the completion by July 2020 of the proposed new building for Reach for Health, a charity providing health rehabilitation for people who have suffered a major health trauma or are living with long term illness.	26/07/2018	DDC	
To agree to review the accessibility, frequency of update and timeliness of the air quality data and activity published on the NBC website in order to match the openness and transparency achieved by other local authorities.	10/12/2018	NBC	
To expect that information provided to the public setting out proposed new Parish / Town Council arrangements for the area will detail options for service delivery by the new councils and give an indication as to the initial precept that will be levied, while recognising that this will be a matter for the elected members of the new councils.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To commit to NBC signing up as Disability Confident Committed and taking the necessary steps to become a Disability Confident Employer.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To reaffirm NBC's commitment to helping staff find the best work / life balance to support delivering the best outcomes for service users.	14/01/2019	NBC	
To support the award of a 100% grant to Staverton Parish Council for a traffic calming project in the area.	21/02/2019	DDC	

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To call on NBC representatives on the Shadow Authority to promote the concept of neighbourhood working to enable residents and local stakeholders to work with service providers and drive improvements in their local area.	11/03/2019	NBC	
To seek confirmation from the Department for Education that it will ensure that the primary school at Buckton Fields opens by September 2021	15/05/2019	DDC	Buckton Fields Primary School opened to Reception pupils in September 2021.
To request that a report be presented to the Council meeting in September setting out how NBC has responded to the Biodiversity 2020 challenge and highlighting the areas that still need to be addressed that needed to be considered in the preparation of the 2020/21 budget.	22/07/2019	NBC	
To agree to respond to NCC consultation on increasing on-street parking charges. To express opposition to the proposed increases as it believes that they will have a detrimental effect on the town centre economy.	16/09/2019	NBC	
To support the TUC's "Dying to work Campaign" currently being developed in the Midlands and to support the lobbying of MPs to establish new legislation, currently being drawn up by the society of Labour Lawyers which: seeks to get terminally ill workers covered by Protective Rights at Work in line with those covered by Pregnancy/Maternity Rights; seeks to protect death in service benefits; and seeks to allow workers with terminal illnesses to die in dignity.	19/09/2019	NCC	WNC has adopted the Dying to Work Charter.
To commit to launching NBC's secondary school programme covering cyberbullying, with the first event taking place on 24 th November 2019 at Weston Favell secondary and this being rolled out to Northampton International Academy and other secondary schools before the end of the academic year.	04/11/2019	NBC	

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<p>To recognise the value of Northamptonshire's Voluntary and Community Sector; that the current 3 year social wellbeing contract to eleven voluntary and community organisations working under the Commsortia contract is set to complete on 31 March 2020; and the proposals for transition funding in 2020/21 and the procurement of a new contract for 2021/2022.</p> <p>To agree to continue to work with the Director of Public health, Commsortia and the providers to deliver value for money, specific outcomes relevant to the priorities for public health spending and meet the public health criteria of the spending of public health funds.</p>	21/11/2019	NCC	
<p>To call on NCC to introduce the necessary measures to help voluntary organisations, both small and large, cope with the challenges they face. We further believe that local government has a crucial role to play and calls on Northamptonshire county council to increase its efforts and do everything possible to support the work of voluntary organisations in their area.</p> <p>To require the Cabinet to evaluate options to lengthen the period of grants to the voluntary sector and to do so by examining possible savings from the existing budgets of each directorate, assessing the likely impacts, while at no time depleting the Council's reserves. The Cabinet should report back to the next meeting of Full Council with its findings and recommendations.</p>	17/09/2020	NCC	

No further action potentially required – votes of thanks, statements of position or similar

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To welcome the award of Green Flag status to Abington and Delapre parks. To commit to protecting the green spaces in Northampton and maintaining them to a high standard.	21/09/2015	NBC
To welcome the achievement of St Giles Street in being shortlisted as a finalist in the 2015 Great British High Street competition and encourage local residents and businesses to back its campaign.	02/11/2015	NBC
To reaffirm NBC's commitment to 78 Derngate and to working to support plans for its 100th anniversary celebrations.	02/11/2015	NBC
To write to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II offering congratulations on the longevity of her reign and her efforts to maintain and enhance the Commonwealth.	18/05/2016	DDC
To recognise the benefit of Right to Buy to tenants and note plans by NBC to replace homes purchased.	06/06/2016	NBC
To recognise excellent work undertaken by forums, inter-faith groups and partner organisations to help promote community cohesion within Northampton. To commit to help this good work further to ensure Northampton continues to be a diverse and tolerant town and one in which can be proud to live.	18/07/2016	NBC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes and emphasise NBC's commitment to work to address any such issues in local communities.	18/07/2016	NBC
To condemn racism, xenophobia and hate crimes and emphasise DDC's commitment to work to address any such issues in local communities.	28/07/2016	DDC
To commit that NBC will continue to work in partnership with the diverse communities in Northampton to support specified events of celebration and commemoration.	23/01/2017	NBC
To recognise and support the work of the parish councils within the borough and commit that NBC will support them in their work for the benefit of local communities.	23/01/2017	NBC
To confirm that NBC recognises and understands the need for housing in Northampton and affirms its commitment to build more council houses.	13/03/2017	NBC

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To write to Call Care staff to pass on our congratulations for their work and our acknowledgement of the 30 th anniversary of the service's establishment.	19/06/2017	NBC
To welcome the proposed arrival of the "outstanding" Ofsted rated Sponne School into Daventry as DDC continues to play its part in supporting education partners to improve the overall offer to students.	27/07/2017	DDC
To congratulate and thank everyone who has been involved in the opening of Delapre Abbey and wishes the Trust and its volunteers every good wish for an exciting and successful future.	12/03/2018	NBC
To congratulate Brackley Town FC on the achievement of reaching the final of the FA Trophy to be played at Wembley on 20 May.	11/04/2018	SNC
To recognise Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service for the service they have been providing to domestic abuse victims and to give NDAS some much needed financial assistance.	10/12/2018	NBC
To thank NBC staff for their dedication and reaffirm NBC's commitment to ensuring that it is an attractive place for good staff to work.	14/01/2019	NBC
To agree that NCC believes that the last few years whilst being very tough have also shown us that the way we operate is crucial to bettering the outcomes for all our communities and their people. We look forward to the people of Northamptonshire receiving the best services from open transparent Unitary Councils. We wish our successor Councils all the best in their future endeavours.	18/02/2021	NCC
To recognise the qualities shown by the staff of NCC in dealing with the immense challenges the Council has faced over recent years and thank them for their service.	18/02/2021	NCC
To thank all the key workers and volunteers of Northamptonshire for their work in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.	18/02/2021	NCC
To thank Northampton residents, Council staff, emergency services personnel and volunteers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.	22/02/2021	NBC
To express thanks to NBC staff, contractors and partners for their hard work to meet increased demand for services and in particular to give support to the vulnerable and families in most need.	09/03/2020	NBC
To thank staff and members of DDC for their service during the life of the Council.	18/03/2021	DDC

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To thank people in Daventry, particularly key workers and volunteers, for their contribution to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	18/03/2021	DDC