

Carried Motions - COMPLETED
Meeting date: 22nd January 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>This council recognises the important role played by our Private Sector Housing Service which provides the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licences houses in multiple occupation (HIMOs) • Enforces legislation tackling rogue landlords • Investigates suspected incidences of abuse whether from Landlords or tenants <p>This Council notes that our town's private rented sector is sometimes used to support criminal activity, including money laundering, sexual exploitation, human trafficking and modern slavery. Additionally, the profits that can be made from HIMOs, have encouraged criminal, rogue and irresponsible landlords to break the law. In order to tackle these issues, our Private Sector Housing Service needs more resources.</p> <p>This council welcomes the fact that on 17th January 2018, the Administration took to Cabinet, and approved, a report that enables this Council to impose civil penalties of up to £30,000 per offence on law-breaking landlords. A business case for utilising the penalty income collected to expand the Housing Enforcement team, initially by eight additional officers, and subject to due diligence and an updated business case, a further five officers, thirteen officers in total, was also approved and is welcomed by this Council.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr Stephen Hibbert	<p>The Council completed the recruitment of the Housing Enforcement Manager, 6 Housing Enforcement Officers, 2 Intelligence Officers and a Tenancy Relations Officer in April 2018.</p> <p>The Housing Enforcement Team consolidated its working relationship with Northamptonshire Police by providing advice and training in relation to its work and powers, by working together to support the sharing of intelligence and resources and by carrying out joint enforcement operations with the Police, Fire & Rescue Service and Immigration Services.</p> <p>The Housing Enforcement Team is now imposing civil penalties as an alternative to criminal prosecutions.</p> <p>In December 2019, the Council made a successful bid to the MHCLG for an Enforcement and Innovation Grant of £196k to fund a Special Operations Unit, for three months, to target some of the biggest and worst criminal landlords in Northampton.</p>
4	<p>The administration has always been committed to enhancing and promoting the heritage of our town.</p> <p>Never was this more clearly demonstrated than with the opening of Delapre Abbey to the public next weekend for the first time in 900 years after a multi-million pound restoration programme.</p> <p>The Abbey takes its place as a jewel in the crown of our historic town, a fitting tribute to all those organisations and individuals who have supported the project.</p> <p>The administration has maintained its commitment as difficulties arose and were overcome, creating and working with the Delapre Abbey Preservation Trust to ensure that we have something to make us all proud.</p> <p>This Council congratulates and thanks everyone who has been involved, and wished the Trust and its volunteers every good wish for an exciting and successful future</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Councillor Anna King	The trust and volunteers have been thanked
5	<p>This Council recognises that our town has been let down by the current Environmental Services provider. According to the biggest and most successful consultation that this Council has ever undertaken, a higher quality of cleanliness delivering cleaner streets and a cleaner environment, and quality grounds maintenance are top priorities for residents of our Borough.</p> <p>This Council is therefore delighted that our new contractor won the bid primarily due to the quality of service it was offering. This Council is making a significant additional investment in this contract and looks forward to working with Veolia to raise the standard of cleanliness and grounds maintenance right across Northampton – something that our town has long been crying out for.</p> <p>This Council also very much welcomes the new Enforcement Contract and the zero tolerance approach to littering and fly-tipping. We call on our 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.</p> <p>With the help, hard work, and commitment of our community volunteers, this Council will continue to provide local communities with clean, well maintained and safe open spaces. Council therefore proudly commits to provide continued support to community groups, initiatives and projects, including Residents Associations, Parish Council's, Summer Bloom, Green Flag and Friends of Parks Groups.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Mike Hallam	<p>Some 325 new vehicles and items of equipment rolled out of the depot on day one of the new contract and within days an improved level of service was experienced over that provided by the previous contractors, refuse and recycling, parks and green areas were immediately improved and street litter cleared in a seamless fashion.</p> <p>In September, 70,000 wheeled bins were delivered to relevant households and a new 'all in one' recycling service was implemented and Saturday collections were abolished (apart from catching up after Christmas Day).</p> <p>In April, a trial to replace recycling boxes with single use recycling sacks commenced for 1,000 properties in Far Cotton – the basis of this trial was to reduce qualitative issues such as box return, street cleansing and to improve the recycling rate in the area – feedback received so far has been very positive and the objectives have been met. Plans are in place to roll the trial out to other areas.</p> <p>The cost of the bulky waste collection service was reduced from £25 to £15 for a trial period from 1st April along with a near a 50% increase in the availability of booking slots. This reduction in charge will continue for the rest of the financial year whilst the success of the initiative is evaluated. The additional cost associated with the reduction in charge is being funded through the income from successful enforcement.</p>

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2	<p>There is national concern about keeping our communities safe and the concern is widespread in Northampton. We are seeing alarming rates of crime, with increases in violent crime, sexual crime, trafficking, vehicle thefts, burglary and drug related crime. We are particularly concerned that young children and young people are being exploited and sometimes also drawn into crime. We have a duty of care to our citizens and we must do all we can to keep them safe. This Council will therefore take the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to work with the Police to receive regular performance information from the Police that drives our activity, supports our multi-agency approach and enables this Council to have a good understanding of the crime and antisocial behaviour issues in the town. - Actively contribute to and support the Community Safety Partnership, which includes the Police and Police Crime Commissioner's Office, and the three – year community safety strategy, including the following identified priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Crime • Reduce ASB and Hate Crime • Support Vulnerable People • Build Stronger and Resilient Communities • Safety in the Night-Time Economy <p>The full strategy can be found at https://www.northampton.gov.uk/downloads/file/10006/nrsp-2017–2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support the Government and the Home Secretary in delivering the new Serious Violence Strategy, including improving policing and visible policing, to break the deadly cycle of violence that devastates the lives of individuals, families and communities. 	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr Anna King	<p>See below re knife crime and youth violence activity</p> <p>Four gang specific injunctions being developed</p> <p>'Nights Out' campaign continued</p> <p>Working with the University, to introduce safety messages amongst the students, including the 'safer routes home' initiative</p> <p>Taxi Marshall scheme being piloted</p> <p>Delivering partnership activity days in priority areas</p> <p>Additional police resource funded to work in the Town Centre during peak ASB and Youth Violence times over the Summer and Christmas period.</p>
3	<p>Northampton Borough Council calls for the continued support of our local market and market traders. Consequently, this Council is proud that our market participates in the Love Your Local Market campaign organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA).</p> <p>Love Your Local Market is an international initiative and the UK's largest annual celebration to promote retail and wholesale markets across the country.</p> <p>To coincide with this year's initiative, and together with the Northampton Town Centre BID, the Council is organising workshops, street entertainment and other activities. This Council is delighted to be able to contribute to celebrating our town's history, innovation, experience, entrepreneurship, food and culture in a festival of market activities and events running from 17th to 31st May, and urges the public to support these events and our town's market offer</p>	Head of Customer and Cultural Services	Councillor Phil Larratt	<p>Love Your Local Market was celebrated in conjunction with Pride on the market square.</p> <p>Also as part of the LYLM initiative the market offered free stalls to traders wanting to try market trading for the first time</p>
4	<p>Northampton Borough Council welcomes the Government's Serious Violence Strategy launched this week by the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd. The strategy stresses the importance of early intervention to tackle the root causes of serious violence and steer young people away from crime in the first place, while ensuring the police continue to have the tools and support they need to tackle violent crime.</p> <p>This Council has recognised the great importance of engaging with our young people early to help prevent them from being drawn into crime.</p> <p>This motion, therefore, calls for support of this Council's collaborative work with the Police, East Midlands Ambulance Service, Youth Offending Service, University and Free to Talk in developing a training and awareness package that will be offered to schools, during our school's event in October, youth clubs and youth groups. The package will include a video, drama production and training, as well as educational awareness packs</p>	Head of Customer and Cultural Services	Cllr Anna King	<p>Trusted relationships funding from the Home Office - £800k over 4 years (youth work in three established areas in the Borough.</p> <p>Delivering community safety awareness messages to year 6 students in 12 of our priority primary schools – youth conference held at the Deco.</p> <p>Knife crime awareness programme delivered to teachers and students in 11 of our secondary schools and both colleges in Northampton</p>

Meeting date: 4th June 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>The letter from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government regarding submission for unitary authorities stated that they wanted "locally led proposals for establishing unitary authorities across the county which will be right for communities and people they serve.</p> <p>This Council acknowledges these requirements and will try and fulfil them on behalf of the residents in the Borough of Northampton. It is essential that Residents participate in the formal, county-wide consultation, because this will ensure that their views are taken into account, and this council will encourage them to do that.</p> <p>To achieve this end the Council commits to undertake consultation with local residents to explain the changes that are being proposed and to seek resident's views on the key issues and requirements of a new unitary council to serve Northampton residents</p> <p>This is the most important decision regarding local government reorganisation since 1974 and all Councillor should make their best effort to help with the consultation so that the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Governments call for proposals is delivered.</p>	Chief Executive	Cllr Jonathan Nunn	<p>Countywide consultation undertaken in the summer 2018 with over 6000 responses.</p> <p>A separate Northampton specific consultation was also undertaken and the outcomes of this both informed the community governance review on the establishment of a new town council and the name of the new unitary council for the West.</p>

	<p>2 Obesity in Childhood is a growing problem. There are many causes of obesity. One is an issue that can be addressed by planning conditions. Tower Hamlets and other Local Authorities are leading the way by not allowing fast food outlets within a 400 metre radius of schools. Some authorities are additionally providing healthy food awards for local retailers to encourage healthier food choices.</p> <p>This council therefore commits 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.</p> <p>We will additionally consider creating a healthy food award for local retailers to encourage healthier food choices.</p>	<p>Director of Planning and Sustainability</p>	<p>Clr James Hill</p>	<p>Introducing a policy was considered as part of the drafting of the emerging Local Plan Part 2, which included an assessment of the impact of similar policies elsewhere. This concluded that, without an objectively assessed evidence base to demonstrate the direct link of takeaways near schools to childhood obesity, such a policy would conflict with the National Planning Policy Frameworks requirements to plan positively and support economic development. On that basis, a blanket exclusion approach would not be positive, justified, effective or consistent.</p> <p>It is also noted that a neighbouring authority which had proposed such a policy as part of its Local Plan Part 2 has had to recommend that the policy be removed for the same reasons. In light of this, the basis of the emerging NBC plan has been to plan positively for healthy communities by encouraging sustainable communities which promote safe and healthy activity. In addition, the emerging West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan offers the opportunity to undertake an objective health impact assessment with neighbouring authorities and health professionals to understand whether a direct link can be established in order to justify a future policy</p>
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Meeting date: 9th July 2018

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1	<p>Whatever the boundaries of the new Unitary Councils, for Northamptonshire, those councils will take on responsibility for the care of older people in our community, from 2020.</p> <p>A recent study estimated that 35% of inpatients in local hospitals were there simply waiting for suitable after care to be available (so called Bed Blocking).</p> <p>This council asks scrutiny, working with NCC scrutiny and partners, particularly health service 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>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Clr Phil Larratt</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny meeting group specifically looking at this.</p> <p>Results will be reported back to Cabinet at its conclusion</p> <p>This work has now concluded. Final report to O+S 10/06/19 – Cabinet in July 19</p>
4	<p>This motion calls for the Council to continue to a commitment to support mental health awareness and support to the Government's Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health.</p> <p>The Concordat is intended to provide a focus for cross-sector action to deliver a tangible increase in the adoption of public mental health approaches across local authorities, the NHS, public, private and voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector organisations and others.</p> <p>This Council is proud to actively support the campaign to make Northampton a 'happy town', including the launch of Northampton's first 'Happy Cafe' in June. 'Happy Cafes' are being set up by supporters of the Action for Happiness movement in local communities, as a friendly and welcoming place to meet others with a shared interest in promoting happiness and well-being.</p> <p>As well as the 'Happy Cafe' launch, there was also be a celebration of the publication of '50 Ways to Feel Happy', a new illustrated children's book which helps children build skills and develop healthy habits for their daily lives, promoting resilience, wellbeing, self-confidence and emotional stability.</p> <p>This motion calls on the Council to 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 makes a valuable contribution to achieving a fairer and more equitable society.</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Clr Anna King</p>	<p>Mental Health Concordat signed.</p> <p>Support being given to reinvigorate the Northampton Health and Wellbeing Forum</p> <p>Supporting David Smart to deliver the GREAT DREAM in Northampton 'rolling out the 10 key ways to make people happier in Northampton.</p> <p>Funding offered through NBC's grants programmes for the 'Happy Hood' project and counselling services.</p>

Meeting date: 10th Spetember 2018

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1	<p>This Council notes that graffiti is an unwelcome sight in most towns and cities across the country. A town is often judged by how it responds to graffiti, particularly that of a racist or offensive nature. Council notes that there has previously been a robust informal policy and stance adopted regarding this, but now resolves to:</p> <p>a) Adopt a formal policy for the removal of graffiti in a quality manor, free of charge on private property where the appropriate permission has been provided in writing by the property owner;</p> <p>b) Prioritize and immediately tackle instances of racist or offensive graffiti;</p> <p>c) Continue the commitment to do all it can to remove graffiti in the town, including working closely with the police across the borough, Northampton Town Centre BID, Network Rail, and owners of other affected properties, to try and catch offenders;</p> <p>d) Relaunch the "name the tag" campaign and actively promote it within the Youth Forum and youth groups across the town;</p> <p>e) Urge people to report offenders and the location of graffiti on both public and private property when they see it, so it can be removed.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>Utilising projects to establish local ownership. i.e. St David's youth graffiti project and NorFAMton</p> <p>Removal of offensive and racist graffiti is included in the environmental service contract</p>
5	<p>This Council recognises the concerns of residents and Parish Councils in areas where management companies are responsible for open space and other amenities. Council resolves to support residents and Parish Councils in resolving their concerns.</p> <p>This Council also resolves to make it clear that, it too, has significant concerns regarding the establishment of management companies to manage open space and other facilities on new housing developments in the borough of Northampton, rather than them being formally adopted.</p> <p>While resisting management companies, this Council will 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 these pieces of land is fully funded.</p>	Director of Planning and Sustainability	Clr James Hill	<p>Planning applicants proposing areas of open space and drainage which could be run by Management Companies are being challenged about the management of these spaces as part of the planning application determination process.</p>
6	<p>This Council notes the Government's aims in encouraging a modal shift of freight from road to rail, which is a key aspect of its transport policy, and recognise that with effective implementation this modal shift can result in a reduction of carbon emissions, shorter and more efficient journeys, and fewer road casualties.</p> <p>This Council further notes that the delivery of a national network of Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges (SRFIs) forms a key part of recognising this aim, and the criteria for these are set out in the National Policy Statement for National Networks (NPSNN) and the Strategic Rail Freight Interchange Policy Guidance documents.</p> <p>This Council also notes that the NPSNN is clear that there is a need for an expanded network of large SRFIs across the regions to accommodate the long-term growth in rail freight, and that new rail freight interchanges, especially in areas poorly served by such facilities at present, are likely to attract substantial business, generally new to rail. However, the NPSNN also states that existing operational SRFIs and other intermodal RFIs are situated predominantly in the Midlands and the North, and that SRFI capacity needs to be provided at a wide range of locations, to provide the flexibility needed to match the changing demands of the market.</p> <p>This Council believes that, as there is already around 39m sq. ft of SRFI-related warehousing either under construction or being proposed in the East Midlands alone, not including the existing SRFI warehousing capacity already present nor other SRFIs in the wider Midlands region, it is unclear whether the proposed local developments, Rail Central and Northampton Gateway, are compliant with the NPSNN.</p> <p>This Council, therefore, resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Transport to ask for an urgent review of the NPSNN, and all other associated policy guidance, to ensure that SRFI capacity is deployed as a national network across the country, rather than being built in areas where developers have pre-existing land options</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Clr Tim Hadland	<p>A letter to the Secretary of State was written about this matter.</p>

Meeting date: 5th November 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>The Council recognises that in 18 months' time that responsibility for the regeneration of Northampton Town Centre will pass to the newly formed Unitary Authority.</p> <p>The Council also recognises that delays implementing regeneration projects in Northampton may occur if the new authority does not have a clear understanding of the stakeholders' vision for Northampton.</p> <p>Building on the good work of the Business Improvement District and its recent consultation, as well as the work of others, this council agrees to set up a cross party working group, working with a wide range of stakeholders and interested parties to produce a "Peoples Plan for Northampton" to enable the new Unitary Council to prioritise projects in its first year. This Council requests that the working group produces its report by September 2019.</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Clr Tim Hadland	<p>Northampton Forward, a group made up of leading representatives from NBC, NCC, SEMLEP, UoN, Royal and Derrigate, Northampton Town Centre BID, Northamptonshire Chamber, Northants Police, Legal and General, and Trickers was set up in January to guide the work being undertaken to regenerate Northampton Town Centre. A cross Party Group has been formed which forms a sub group of Northampton Forward in order to feed in to the plans and allow for a wide range of views to be considered as the programme develops.</p>

3	<p>The technological advancements of recent decades have much in common with the effects of the Industrial Revolution in the latter part of the 18th century. Specifically, both movements accelerated the displacement of workers by machines that could perform tasks faster, more accurately and 24/7. While technology enables business owners to reduce overhead by downsizing their workforce, individuals whose skill sets are now obsolete have limited options for employment if their current jobs are eliminated.</p> <p>Given that Northampton has a large proportion of warehousing and transport as its employment base, both of which face the introduction of new technology and automation in the near and medium future, this equates to at least 37% of workers in fear of their job.</p> <p>Working in partnership with other appropriate bodies such as local colleges, the University of Northampton, and relevant industry training bodies and organisations, the council will start to prepare and identify the finances to allow for upskilling of workers. The partnership will assist with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training through employers and other agencies • Planning for the future to deal with the implications of new technology as it is introduced. • Organising a Symposium on the future of employment and the local economy with the university and employers. 	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	At present any structural changes to the logistics sector that will result in job losses following the introduction of autonomous vehicles are a significant number of years away. Given this it is too early to start making preparations. We will continue to keep this under review as the technology develops.
6	<p>There is an increasing number of reports received by Northampton Borough Council (NBC) regarding abandoned shopping trolleys. These are often abandoned in roads, on walkways and in parks, where they have the potential to cause accidents and are an eye sore within the community.</p> <p>Although many of local supermarkets try to take effective action to prevent the abandonment of shopping trolleys, it is too often the case that they do not act quickly enough on reports received.</p> <p>This Council, therefore, resolves to investigate whether it ought to use legal powers available to it to more effectively tackle the problem by charging supermarkets a fee for each trolley collected by NBC. This set charge would be solely to recover the cost of collecting a shopping trolley that is found by an NBC authorised officer on 'any land in the open air' (including watercourses), and that appears to them to be abandoned. The Council would have to comply with certain statutory procedures in order to set up such a scheme, including a requirement to consult with supermarkets and other shops which offer the use of shopping trolleys to the public. This Council notes that officers will commence the necessary preparatory work with a view to preparing a report for the Executive so that it may make a decision as to whether or not to introduce such a charge throughout the entire Borough and, if so, what amount that charge should be set at.</p> <p>Abandoned trolleys are a real nuisance and NBC is hoping that if such a scheme is created, rather than paying fees, supermarkets will take more responsibility for collecting their trolleys and, consequently, help reduce the number of such incidents.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	Following a period of public consultation, on 16 January 2019, Cabinet resolved that Schedule 4 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 shall be applied to the whole of Northampton. This resolution allows the Council to collect abandoned shopping trolleys and to charge their owners for their return. This resolution comes into effect on 1 May 2019. Arrangements to deliver this service are being put into effect.

Meeting date: 10th December 2018

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3	<p>Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service (formerly women's aid) do valuable work to support victims of domestic abuse. They currently run 5 refuges with 21 beds, which will not be funded from April 2019. Partner organisation Eve is at risk of losing 13 beds. NDAS have launched a fundraising campaign to raise £100k by March to keep the refuges open for 12 months. Losing these refuges will mean that the responsibility of helping these victims out of abusive homes will fall onto NBC.</p> <p>We therefore call upon this council to not only recognise NDAS for the service they have been providing to domestic abuse victims but to give some much needed financial assistance.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Anna King	<p>Supporting the working group to establish a countywide domestic abuse and sexual violence strategy</p> <p>Funding provided for NDAS - £20k per annum. Funding provided for Northampton Rape Crisis and the Sunflower Centre, more than £30k</p> <p>16 Days of activism delivered.</p> <p>Officers contributed to, and supported the development of Northamptonshire's Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy and was the Lead Authority in Northamptonshire's successful bid for MHCLG funding of £510,862 for 2020/21, (comprising £24,000 to accommodate victims with No Recourse to Public Funds and £486,862 for staffing) to set up a Safe Accommodation Pathway in Northamptonshire.</p>
4	<p>This Council recognises the value of openness and transparency in communicating with the public about air quality and the steps that it is making to monitor and to reduce air pollution.</p> <p>This Council notes that other authorities, such as Kings Lynn and West Norfolk District Council, make effective use of corporate websites to share information about air quality monitoring in an accessible way, including regular monthly publication of raw data from air quality monitoring tubes.</p> <p>Northampton Borough Council resolves to review the accessibility, frequency of update and timeliness of the air quality data and activity published on its own website in order to match the openness and transparency achieved by other local authorities.</p> <p>This Council also notes that it is important that members of the public understand that the raw data can only be properly analysed and trends assessed after a 12 month period to take account of any seasonality or specific in-month events that might skew the data such as road traffic closure.</p> <p>Council also notes that this is a highly complex and technical area of work and resolves to work openly with all those with appropriate expertise in this area.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>Monthly air quality monitoring results are now reported on the Council's website.</p> <p>With effect from April 2019 the relevant webpages are being redesigned to a similar format to the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk site and data from previous years will be displayed together with current results.</p>

Meeting date: 14th January 2019

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1	<p>Northampton Borough council is committed to being the best employer we can be and to set the standard for other local employers.</p> <p>It can be hard to balance the demands of modern life and needs of family with those of an employer but it's in everyone's interests to get the balance right, and Northampton residents deserve to be served by council staff that feel valued and engaged with their work, and therefore provide the best service they can.</p> <p>We therefore continually refresh our employment procedures, and these include the existing policies that the council has on Parental Leave and Paternity Leave, and our Career Break Policy that is currently supporting staff including one employee who's long-term serious illness would otherwise have meant them having reduced pay, but who is still receiving full pay consistent with our commitment to the TUC 'Dying to Work' charter.</p> <p>The council also operates family-friendly working, which (whilst never losing sight of the service to be provided to residents) not only allows parental leave and flexible working arrangements, but flexible working, part-time, job sharing, working school hours, and staggering time.</p> <p>Working from home is part of modern work patterns, and this is allowed, with a review currently under way to ensure that this, and flexible working, is clearly defined." As an employer we are keen to help staff find the right work/life balance because we want them to be productive and focused on work, getting the best possible outcome for our service users, and council reaffirms its commitment to this.</p>	Chief Finance Officer	Clr Brandon Eldred	<p>CMB continually review NBC policies.</p> <p>The policy relating to Flexible working, Home working etc is currently under a further review (17/72019).</p> <p>The Governance & Risk Manager is working with the HR Manager to form a small working group of managers to assist with a review of NBC HR policies.</p> <p>All material changes to policies impacting on staff, go through the MTUCM (NBC Management and Trade Union Committee Meeting).</p>
3	<p>This Council recognises the importance of retaining good members of staff over the next 15 months to ensure that skilled staff are available to transfer to a new Unitary authority to continue to provide good local government services to the residents of Northampton.</p> <p>The Council has HR policies and procedures in place, which of course need to be understood and adhered to, in order to achieve the goal of retaining good members of staff.</p> <p>The Council recognises that there will always be staff who choose to move on, but during the past 18 months, in order to make NBC an attractive place for good staff to work, has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced the standard work hours from 40 to 37, to be competitive with other employers, with part-time staff reducing their by the same percentage if they chose to. • Removed the no pay for the first day of sickness • Improved various HR policies • Used the discretions policy on sick pay to honour commitments under the TUC 'Dying to work' charter • Anticipates a likely 2% pay award for 2019/20 • Enhanced staff discounts and benefits arrangements • Maximised the use of apprenticeships and the apprenticeship levy • Transferred a significant proportion of the interim contract staff to more permanent types of fixed contract arrangements • Recruited a Learning and Development Manager to support personal development • Brought the HR service back in-house to be closer to the employees that it supports Council thanks its hard working staff for their dedication to supporting the town and serving its residents, and reaffirms its commitment to ensure that NBC is an attractive place for good staff to work. 	Chief Finance Officer	Clr Brandon Eldred	<p>CMB continually review NBC policies.</p> <p>CMB is aware of the need to use all policies available to ensure the retention and motivation of staff during the transition period to formation of the Unitary Councils</p>
4	<p>Northampton has a strong and proud history of manufacturing, including its boot and shoe trade and heavy to medium engineering.</p> <p>Despite the demise of such important companies such as British Timken, Express lifts, Northampton Machinery Co, RHP Bearings and Plessy, we do still have centres of excellence with Cosworth, AMG Powertrain, Churches shoes, Trickers and many others.</p> <p>This Council is already very pleased to buy products and services from many local companies, and as part of continually seeking to get best value for the local taxpayer, is keen to work with more local companies and employers.</p> <p>There are now two national campaigns to promote manufacturing, the GMB Union "Making it" and "The Made in Britain" which is run for manufacturers.</p> <p>This Council therefore recognises both of these campaigns, and agrees to promote their membership to local companies, along with continuing to encourage potential manufacturers to site within the town. The Council will, wherever possible and cost effective, use local suppliers to support the local economy.</p>	Chief Finance Officer	Clr Brandon Eldred	<p>NBC has had for some years a policy and practice to seek to procure services locally, within the legal constraints of the EU rules and the requirement for Value for Money.</p> <p>LGSS Procurement have been reminded of the need to include local suppliers wherever possible and practical.</p>
5	<p>The Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review with the intention of establishing two tiers of local government across Northampton when the new unitary arrangements come into force.</p> <p>This will constitute a major change to the way that services are delivered to local communities and the level of council tax that households are expected to pay in the currently unparished areas of the Borough.</p> <p>This Council therefore expects that in any literature provided to the public, setting out proposed new Parish / Town Council arrangements, will detail the options for service delivery by the new councils and give an indication as to the initial precept / council tax that will be levied, while recognising that going forward this will be a matter for the elected members of the new councils.</p>	Borough Secretary	Clr Phil Larratt	<p>Borough Secretary – Discussion already begun with Opinion Research Services (ORS) as to format and method of 2nd stage of consultation which will be needed when finalised to be approved by cross party working group. This will include information on likely services to be delivered by new town council and the financial effects/precept etc. as necessary information to public.</p>

6	<p>The Disability Confident scheme, run by the national government, promotes a disability-inclusive culture among employers across the UK.</p> <p>The scheme helps employers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draw from the widest possible pool of talent • secure high quality staff who are skilled, loyal and hard working • improve employee morale and commitment by demonstrating that all employees are treated fairly. <p>Disability Confident employers are changing behaviour and cultures within their organisations, networks and communities. Northampton Borough Council is serious about equal opportunities and proud of its proven track record of being an Equal Opportunity employer and, as such, it already carries out numerous actions to make a difference for disabled people. Nevertheless, we are aware this is only a part of a much broader journey.</p> <p>Therefore, this motion calls on the Council to commit to signing up as Disability Confident Committed and taking the necessary steps to become a Disability Confident Employer, playing an active role in changing attitudes for the better.</p> <p>Under the Disability Confident scheme, this Council will further commit to carry on learning and strengthening the networks it will need to continue to improve its offer to existing and future disabled employees.</p>	Chief Finance Officer	Clr Jonathan Nunn	NBC renewed its membership of the previous two tick scheme, now known as Disability Confident on 11 January 2019
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Meeting date: 11th March 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
4	<p>In September 2018 this Council expressed its concern about the number of housing developments that were failing to deliver open spaces and other amenities to adoption standards and transfer them to the relevant local authority but instead were establishing management companies to manage and maintain them with no democratic oversight or accountability.</p> <p>In order to protect residents from uncontrolled charges and poor levels of service this Council would like to see all open spaces and other amenities provided by developers built to the standard required by local authorities for adoption, and calls upon Planning Officers to do all that they can to achieve this in their negotiations with developers.</p> <p>This Council wishes to make it clear that it will aim for open space land on new residential developments to be transferred into the Council's ownership.</p> <p>Furthermore, this Council also calls on other public bodies, when offering their land for sale for potential residential development to make it a condition of sale that the relevant local authority retains ownership of the open space within the proposed development.</p> <p>Additionally, this Council will fully research the problems and issues that residents, Residents Associations, and Parish Councils have with management companies in Northampton and resolves to write to the Secretary of State expressing them as well as the views of the Council. Furthermore, this Council will work with the Local Government Association to lobby the Government for legislation to address the issue of Management Companies with a view to protecting residents from unreasonable maintenance charges, giving them the right to challenge such charges, as well as providing communities, including Town and Parish Councils, the opportunity to take on the role and responsibilities of the management companies.</p>	Director of Planning and Sustainability	Clr James Hill	<p>Planning applicants proposing areas of open space and drainage which could be run by Management Companies are being challenged about the management of these spaces as part of the planning application determination process.</p> <p>Northamptonshire County Council has proposed a motion regarding the management arrangements of open space and drainage.</p> <p>Parish Councils and Residents Associations are to be approached* for evidence on the nature and scale of the issue faced by residents.</p> <p>*RAs have now been approached – results are currently being co-ordinated</p>

Meeting date: 22nd July 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>This Council recognises that the rapid growth of Hybrid and Electric vehicles.</p> <p>Council welcomes the recent news that it has been awarded a grant to put 2x new Rapid Charging Points in its Town Centre car parks to add to the network of points we already have in the Borough.</p> <p>Council also recognizes the contribution of the private sector in ensuring that Northampton already has a substantially larger network of points available compared to similar towns nearby. Council welcomes the work of companies such as Nationwide in providing an extensive network of points in the town for its employees and welcomes a recent announcement by BP that it intends to deploy publically available charging points at many of its forecourt sites.</p> <p>Council agrees to work with companies seeking to deploy such technology and to work with Northamptonshire County Council as the Highways Authority to aim to increase the amount of Rapid Charging Points available to the general public in Northampton</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>Update Feb 2020</p> <p>Contract for the installation of 4 pairs of rapid chargers in Council car parks has been let. Work is progressing and installation should be complete during March 2020. Official launch is provisionally scheduled for 25 March.</p> <p>Northamptonshire County Council are currently consulting on possible sites for the installation of on- street charging around the town.</p> <p>Work will be progressed to bring forward other opportunities for further installations on Council owned land</p>

Meeting date: 16th September 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>We are concerned that the borough council, local organisations and residents are, generally speaking, using non-renewable energy suppliers, incurring high bills, and using up precious resources.</p> <p>We agree that a Big Switch to a green energy company would be much better for the environment and help reduce bills.</p> <p>Noting that the value of a new contract to provide energy to this Council will be in excess of £0.5M per annum, Council notes that this will require a full procurement exercise to be undertaken, and that such an exercise will take up to 18 months, by which time the Council will no longer exist. Northampton Borough Council therefore resolves to propose to the future Unitary Council that it makes the big switch to a green energy company, lead from the front and show its commitment to renewable future.</p> <p>While this Council can only operate within its own scope of control and influence, it resolves that as a key place leader, it commits 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. Therefore, this Council resolves to ask the Air Quality and Management Change Working Group to pursue this.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Mike Hallam	<p>Update Feb 2020</p> <p>This work will be taken forward as part of the development of the Carbon Neutral Northampton programme</p>
4	<p>This Council discussed and declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on the 3rd June 2019.</p> <p>Council notes that over the August Bank Holiday weekend DEFRA declared at their Northampton Monitoring Station the Highest Pollution figures across the country had been recorded. These pollution figures relate to ozone, which is a secondary pollutant produced by the action of sunlight on other pollution sources. The pollution is transboundary and generally affected by the high temperatures such as those experienced over the Bank Holiday weekend.</p> <p>This is therefore addressed at a national rather than a local level and they are not likely to be directly attributable to pollution levels in Northampton.</p> <p>This Council notes, that it is possible to publish a draft report on "the adjusted Air Quality Readings for 2018", which figures can be used to initiate further actions to continue to work hard to protect the health of Northampton residents, the content has not yet been approved by DEFRA and would, therefore, likely be subject to comments and amendments in due course. Council therefore agrees to share with all Group Leaders and the next meeting of the Climate Change Forum – if the full report has not been received back by DEFRA.</p> <p>The timescales for 2020, including the projected publishing time for 2019 adjusted Air Quality Figures to be at the end of June, are likely to be similar to this year's, as DEFRA's work load has been highly impacted by and dependent on external factors. Council therefore agrees in future years to share a draft report with Group Leaders and the Climate Change Forum prior to the publication of the finalised DEFRA report.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Tim Hadland	<p>Update Feb 2020</p> <p>Air quality results for 2019 were been published on the Council website in February, see https://www.northampton.gov.uk/downloads/file/11796/nitrogen-dioxide-results-raw-data--full-year-2019</p> <p>The annual status review will be submitted to DEFRA before the end of June deadline, the draft report will be shared with the climate change forum and the report published as soon as it is ratified</p>
6	<p>The County Council is responsible for on street parking charges in the Town Centre and the Borough Council is responsible for the parking charges in the car parks that it operates.</p> <p>This Council believes that Car Parking charges are a factor in the vitality and prosperity of the Town Centre.</p> <p>The County Council has initiated consultation with the Public and Stakeholders regarding the increases that it is proposing.</p> <p>This council agrees that it wishes to express concern and opposition to the proposed increases as it believes that it will have a detrimental effect on the Town Centre economy at a time when this council is trying to address the downturn in footfall and look for ways of investing in the Town Centre in support of its long term prosperity.</p> <p>This council urges the County Council to confirm that, before implementing any changes to its on street parking charges, it will work with NBC to develop a set of objectives and priorities towards a full parking strategy, reflecting the views of residents and businesses, to ensure that parking charges across the town centre fairly reflect their needs and the needs of the town.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Tim Hadland	<p>Update Feb 2020</p> <p>The County Council have placed on hold their proposed changes to their on-street parking fees.</p>

Meeting date: 4th November 2019

2	<p>This council notes with dismay the recent 1% increase in interest for loans from the Public Works Loan Board. This comes at a time when all councils, including NBC, were looking to increase their building of social housing in order to address the housing crisis.</p> <p>The 1% increases the risks attached to regeneration and development and creates the need for revision of existing plans and business cases. We note this has led to, for example, a delay in borrowing for the Berkley house rebuild.</p> <p>We therefore call on the council to join with the LGA to make representation to the government to have this decision reversed.</p>	Chief Finance Officer	Cllr Brandon Eldred	<p>UPDATE July 2020 There was no delay to the Berkley House Rebuild as a result of PWLB moving.</p> <p>NBC has with all Councils lobbied in respect of the rates for house building and the Government / Treasury are currently consulting on the use of PWLB and more favourable rates for Home Building</p> <p>We anticipate taking advantage of a new lower rate for home building to further expand our HRA housing stock.</p>
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Meeting date: 20th January 2020

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
4	<p>We encourage the celebration of religious, cultural, and historical occasions, of which fireworks can be an integral part, but we discourage public nuisance. Unsocial hours, and prolonging periods over which fireworks are used, can cause anxiety to many people and to their pets. We believe in keeping our town and its residents safe, for them to be able to enjoy a peaceful life, whilst ensuring that their health and wellbeing is maintained.</p> <p>Well promoted and supervised, public firework events are one way in which fireworks can be enjoyed safely and responsibly, such as the council's bonfire night which 10,000 attended and enjoyed last year.</p> <p>This Council resolves:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to request all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people • to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks • Well-meaning celebration can become public nuisance 	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Brandon Eldred	<p>Update Feb 2020</p> <p>The Borough will contact any / all event organisers whose event plans includes a 'fireworks display' and request they advertise the details of their displays so resident's, stables, farms and other interested parties are made aware. The Borough will actively raise public awareness of the impact fireworks displays have on animal welfare and vulnerable people</p>

Meeting Date: 15th June 2020

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
1	<p>Over the last three months Council staff have worked hard with partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to meet increased demand for services and in particular to give support to the vulnerable and families in most need..</p> <p>There will come a time when we will need to review what has gone well and what could have been done better but I believe now is the time for us as, elected representatives to say thank you to everyone at NBC and to our contractors and partners, for the job they do on behalf of our community.</p> <p>Mr Mayor may I ask if you will lead us as we show our appreciation in the usual way.</p>	N/A	N/A	NO ACTION REQUIRED

Meeting date: 20th July 2020

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions
4	<p>This Council notes the decision of the Planning Committee not to object in principle to the County Councils application to develop the North West Relief Road. (N/2019/0840). It has been the policy of this Council to support the development and delivery of the Northern Orbital Road as a matter of urgency.</p> <p>This Council notes the comments of the Planning Committee with regard to the provision of the Northern Orbital Road. This Council confirms its 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</p>	Director of Planning and Sustainability	Clr James Hill	Update Sept 2020; the Borough Council has confirmed its support for the Northern Orbital Road.

Meeting date: 12th March 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	This council recognises that more can be done to encourage recycling. To this end, and working with our new Environmental Services Contractor, this Council resolves to investigate and recommend innovative models for the recycling of cans and bottles that can be available in locations across the Borough. In doing so this Council recognises that young people are encouraged to collect and recycle cans and bottles for a small remuneration. The model recommended should educate, entertain and encourage the process of recycling.	Head of Customers and Cultural Services	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>NBC Environmental Services team are currently working with Veolia on reducing waste to landfill and improving the recycling rate across the borough. First steps towards this was to introduce the blue lidded bin recycling 'all in one' scheme in autumn 2018 and we have also introduced a single use sack trial in Far Cotton to both improve recycling rates and street cleansing standards. Although in its infancy, Veolia are trialling reverse vending machines at two London locations, the first machine is at Kings Cross ans accepts plastic bottles and aluminium cans – users are rewarded with vouchers for a local restaurant. The second is in Veolia's offices and for every bottle and coffee cup recycled, the company donates 5p to charity. The ES team will continue to monitor these innovations and seek to adopt them as soon as operationally possible.</p> <p>UPDATE: We are working with Veolia for the transfer approx. 3000 properties from sacks to wheelie bins. We hope this will encourage residents more to recycle, as the wheelie bins will be able to contain the recycling, rather than the open boxes which do not contain the recycling. This will be rolled out in October. Properties included will be notified of the change.</p> <p>October update: Sacks to bins project is ongoing with blue lidded bin deliveries scheduled for October, we continue to observe the success of reverse vending machines.</p> <p>Update February 2020 Whilst the ES team continue to follow the reverse vending machines initiative, Deposit Return Schemes are featured in the new Environment Bill, the Bill gives the powers to implement a DRS. It does not mean that a DRS is certain, the Bill just enables one to be implemented if the Government decide they wish to go ahead with one. However, there was a commitment in the Conservative election manifesto to introduce a DRS and initial stakeholder meetings indicate that the intention is to introduce one, in England at least. Once implemented, more opportunities will present themselves for encouraging young people to collect and recycle cans and bottles for a small remuneration.</p> <p>Update August 2020 In response to written parliamentary questions, Defra recently confirmed that it will undertake the second of consultation on DRS. In Parliament, an early day motion for an 'all-in' DRS has been introduced by Ben Lake MP and supported by various parliamentarians. The motion is calling on the Government to introduce an all-in scheme in 2023 and incorporating as wide a selection of materials as possible.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 23rd April 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
1	<p>This Council notes the success of the night shelter in tackling rough sleeping in Northampton.</p> <p>We are aware that concerns remain with rough sleeping and hidden homelessness, and we are aware that women in this situation are particularly vulnerable. This Council therefore commits to:</p> <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>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Clr Stephen Hibbert</p>	<p>'TOGETHER we change lives' has provided the foundations for the way in which rough sleeping in the borough is tackled. This Strategy is being revisited at a multi-agency workshop in July 2019.</p> <p>Since the publication of the Strategy, the Council has secured Government rough sleeping funding of £480k in 2019/20 and has agreed to invest in the expansion and reorganisation of the Housing Options & Advice Service which will include the establishment of a Single Homelessness Pathway Service.</p> <p>The extra government funding has enabled the Council to fund a total of 11 additional staff, including a Rough Sleepers Co-ordinator, extra Street Outreach Workers, a Mental Health Outreach Worker and a team of Rough Sleeper Navigators.</p> <p>The search for suitable premises for a larger Nightshelter was put on hold while efforts were being made to address tensions between local agencies, including the Council. These have now been addressed and a raft of improvements (including the establishment of a multi-agency Single Homelessness Forum that is being established in September 2019) are planned.</p> <p>'Hidden homelessness' and 'Housing First' featured in a 2019/20 Overview & Scrutiny Review of Rough Sleeping and Homelessness. All homeless people have been provided with personalised housing plans since the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 in April 2018.</p> <p>A draft Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy was published in February 2020 and government funding has been secured to continue with, and expand, the services provided for rough sleepers in 2020/21. Northampton's Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-23 was approved by the Cabinet on 20 May 2020. Since the COVID-19 lockdown at the end of March 2020, the Council and its partners have accommodated and supported more than 160 rough sleepers and former rough sleepers in two hotels and one of the University's halls of residence. By the end of August 2020, they had helped more than 100 of them to move into settled housing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Meeting date: 9th July 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>Our town is famous for the boot and shoe industry and for leather works. The Central Museum hosts our famous shoe collection and the town has in trust the National Leather Collection, currently located in the Grosvenor Centre.</p> <p>We note recent announcements of retail and other High Street closures and the Northampton Chronicle's current Town Centre campaign. We know as a council that we need to support the regeneration of our town, increase footfall and to stimulate tourism. Leather goods manufacturers and our world renowned shoe makers can play a key role in this.</p> <p>This council therefore resolves to:</p> <p>Invite interest from shoe manufacturers and leather goods producers around the county and possibly beyond to be included in a retail shoe and leather goods outlet in Northampton Town Centre. This plan could see the development of one of the vacant sites in the middle of town become a show case for the sale of shoes and leather goods from our world class manufacturers. The vision being that the demand for our high quality shoes & leather goods, will contribute to making Northampton Town Centre an attraction for visitors into the town. This will aid regeneration and increase footfall.</p> <p>To make this offer work and make it viable for the businesses concerned, this council will work with them and make whatever concessionary offers are within its gift for a defined period and play an active role in the delivery of what will be a mutual heritage and commercial concern.</p> <p>This council will seek to include the BID and the University of Northampton in playing an active role in this initiative.</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Clr Tim Hadland	<p>The Council, working with the BID, has had engagement with leading local shoe manufactures over this proposal and seeking to identify and investigate a potential site.</p> <p>This will be problematic for the manufacturers as given the strong independent brands they have developed and the issues with how a store could operate.</p> <p>The council are continuing to hold talks to look at if this is achievable.</p>	Ongoing
3	<p>There are four community libraries in the town that are under threat of closure.</p> <p>This council recognises the value of libraries as community hubs. This council, therefore, resolves to work with the friends of the libraries to facilitate the libraries remain open for community use.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Anna King	<p>Support has been offered via the Community Safety & Engagement Team, to St James Community Centre and offers to facilitate meetings to help support others, including Far Cotton who have been expressed.</p> <p>Update June 2020 - Support for Far Cotton is being revisited, a meeting is due to take place this week to look again at what support may be able to be put in place.</p> <p>Update August 2020 - Northampton Borough Council continues to work with colleagues at Northamptonshire County Council to ensure that the Friends Groups are supported, to keep the libraries open for use by our communities. The Friends groups have been made aware of our grants and the infrastructure support that is available through Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire. Some of the Friends Groups have accessed our grants and the support, which continues to be offered.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 5th November 2018

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>The council notes that in spite of the fact that two firms of consultants have been appointed to produce a development scheme without success, the site of the former Greyfriars Bus Station has stood empty since March 2015 and adds to the sense of decline in Northampton Town Centre.</p> <p>The council notes the appointment of a new consultant to produce a development scheme and calls on the administration to ask this consultant to draw up options for the site to be brought into a temporary use as a matter of urgency for the public benefit. While accepting that this is an interim measure pending the long-term development of the Greyfriars site, whatever happens in the short term must not be to the detriment of a long term permanent development</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Clr Tim Hadland	<p>A meanwhile use (temporary use) strategy for the site will begin to be develop in September 2019. This needed to wait until a full site appraisal could be undertaken to assess when the site is likely to come forwards in order to establish how long the temporary uses would likely need to be for.</p> <p>June 2020: The Greyfriars site is to be used in large part for a site compound by NPH while the works to Belgrave House take place. This site compound is likely to be required for at least 12 months while the refurbishment of the building takes place.</p>	Ongoing
4	<p>We note with concern the effects of holding commercial events on our town parks resulting in damage to the grass and terrain. The damage to the parkland is taking months to repair and meanwhile our residents are not able to enjoy the full use of these public open spaces.</p> <p>This Council resolves to introduce a legally binding contract with commercial hirers, including fairs, 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.</p> <p>Council also resolves to liaise through Park Management Committee's regarding events in individual parks. As we move towards Unitary status parishes may wish to take on the responsibility of their parks and these issues need to be regularised.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>Any damage caused by events is recharged to the organisers and to date, there have been no issues.</p> <p>Update Feb 2020 The Council's Events Terms & Conditions point 7 states: The hirer will take all reasonably practicable steps to avoid damage to carriageways, footways, verges, grassed areas, trees, shrubs, flowers, fences, fixtures and equipment, and will make good all damage or loss caused to the Council's land or property as described, to the Council's satisfaction. Reinstatement costs will be forwarded to the event organiser for payment. Large-scale events may be required to pay a bond to NBC prior to the event taking place. This will be agreed with the organiser pre-event</p> <p>Update August 2020 All large scale events cancelled due to Covid 19. All amendments to the Terms and Conditions will be subject to ongoing review on resumption of events to ensure the Council is protected in the event of damage caused by events held on its land</p>	Ongoing
5	<p>Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, towards Jewish Community institutions and religious facilities.</p> <p>This Council resolves to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Acknowledge the importance of tackling anti-Semitism in all its forms, to support the growing Jewish community in our town and across the county. 2) Restate its condemnation of all forms of racism in all its manifestations 3) Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism. 4) Asks the Executive to look to adopt similarly agreed definitions to confront and challenge all forms of racism and discrimination that exist within our society. 	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Anna King	<p>The Council utilises national days such as Holocaust Memorial Day and Srebrenica to bring communities together, to learn about the past, in order to positively shape the future—to celebrate difference and promote understanding. HMD was commemorated on 28 January and Srebrenica will be commemorated on 11 July.</p> <p>Northants Police work towards the definition, that is recommended by the Royal College of Policing.</p> <p>Update June 2020 - A hate crime or incident is any offence perceived by the victim or any other person, whether a witness, friend or family member, as being motivated by prejudice or hate. A hate incident becomes a hate crime when the offence breaks the law. Reasons for the crime can be based on: Race, ethnicity or nationality Religion, faith or belief Sexual orientation Disability and learning difficulties Transgender identity Gender based hostility Individual characteristic that makes someone appear different, e.g. alternative lifestyle, culture, physical appearance.</p> <p>22 June 2020 - Virtual event held for Windrush 11 July 2020 - Plans to commemorate Srebrenica virtually Continue to develop the Diverse Communities Forum. Engaging with the BLM protest organisers and also the 'togetherness group'.</p>	Ongoing
7	<p>There has been a growing understanding of the positive impact that taking part in the arts can have on health and wellbeing. By supplementing medicine and care, the arts can improve the health of people who experience mental or physical health problems. The arts can improve healthcare environments and benefit staff retention and professional development.</p> <p>There are many case studies and a wealth of evidence in Creative Health report, conducted by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Arts, to support three key messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The arts can help keep us well, aid in our recovery and support longer lives better lived. • The arts can help meet major challenges facing health and social care: ageing, long term conditions, loneliness and mental health. • The arts can help save money in the health service and social care. <p>Northampton Borough Council (NBC) expresses its strong support for the report's ten recommendations to increase awareness of how engaging in the arts can bring benefits to health and wellbeing.</p> <p>This Council notes the recommendation 3 of the report, which encourages all local authorities to designate an individual to take cross-sector responsibility for arts, health and wellbeing.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Anna King	<p>Northampton Museums and Art Gallery (NMAG) will seek to align its planning and programming with Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town. It will feature as a key new area of work for NMAG to explore and implement. People living with dementia will become an area of focus for the museum service and we will seek to provide activities for those living with dementia and their carers through our existing core offer and developing bespoke activities in conjunction with partners. NMAG has been running a monthly Dementia Café as a pilot scheme and is looking at how activities for people living with dementia can be further developed and integrated into our public programme will rolling this out on a larger scale on the opening of the new museum.</p> <p>This ethos will be developed further to consider how museum exhibitions, events and its collections and contribute to the health and wellbeing of individuals and the aims and objectives of public health bodies and initiatives.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 11th March 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
1	<p>This Council believes that to maintain a connection between communities in Northampton and a remoter Unitary Council that the new body needs to embrace Neighbourhood working supported by delegated budgets.</p> <p>The Council calls 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.</p>	Chief Executive	Cllr Jonathan Nunn	<p>Programme Plan has been established with key thematic work streams. This element (Neighbourhood Working) will be considered in Phase 2 of the work programme (Spring 2019 – Winter 2019)</p> <p>UPDATE Feb 2020: This work sits in the Community and Leisure workstream and is now factored into the design element of the Future Northants activity.</p> <p>UPDATE: June 2020: This has been discussed informally with members on the West Northants Shadow Executive and will be considered as part of the Governance Task & Finsish Group.</p> <p>UPDATE SEPT 2020: Locality working and the wider consideration of Area Boards is part of the West Northants Shadow Authority Overview and Scrutiny programme and will be considered this autumn/winter.</p>	Ongoing
3	<p>In preparation for the transition to Unitary we call upon NBC to produce a Sports Strategy for the people of Northampton that draws on the Sports Strategy for West Northamptonshire of 2009.</p> <p>The purpose of this strategy, as well as reviewing current facilities, would be to identify gaps, reflect current user preferences and requirements.</p> <p>Only by doing this can we protect the assets in Northampton for the people of the town.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Anna King	<p>The Head of Customers and Communities is liaising with Northampton Leisure Trust in relation to developing a wider health and wellbeing strategy which will include sport in preparation for unitary</p> <p>UPDATE: In January 2008 Syzygy Leisure was commissioned by Daventry District Council, on behalf of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit to undertake the development of a Sports Facilities Strategy for West Northamptonshire.</p> <p>A number of strategic documents, i.e. national policy documents, regional policy documents, county policy documents and the plans of Northampton Borough Council, Daventry District Council and South Northamptonshire Council helped frame the Sports Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>Thirty Governing Bodies of Sport were approached to ascertain their needs. These needs were then considered against the facilities available across the West Northamptonshire area and a number of issues were identified, some specifically in Northampton.</p> <p>The report then looked at the needs and demands of the sports facilities across West Northamptonshire. Again, a number of issues were identified, some specifically in Northampton.</p> <p>The report also looked at future requirements for the West Northamptonshire area, and outlined the conclusions and action plans. The report identified a number of new facilities that were required to meet the growth in the West Northamptonshire area as well as identify where there was insufficient provision to meet demand at that time. The report also identified that there is an overall need to ensure that where facilities exist that their access for community use is maximised.</p> <p>The Sports Facilities Strategy for West Northamptonshire (2009) has helped shape the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Local Plan (Part 1) which sets out the long-term vision and objectives for the whole of the area covered by Northampton Borough, Daventry District and South Northamptonshire District councils for the plan period up to 2029.</p> <p>An assessment of the current supply and demand, future requirements and recommendations was undertaken in the development of the West Northamptonshire Open Space, Sports and Recreation Strategies for Northampton Borough dated 2017/18. These strategies will be used to inform the development of the Local Plan Part 2.</p> <p>In preparation for the transition to Unitary we need to ensure that we deliver and build on the strategies already produced for West Northamptonshire and jointly maximise any opportunities to increase participation in sport and physical activities, e.g. taking advantage of any funding available, joining in with national sports initiatives and building upon the work of Northamptonshire Sport.</p> <p>Together we need to put healthy living at the heart of our communities and support each other to deliver this.</p> <p>Update Feb 2020 Ian Redfern, Managing Director, NLT, and Councillor Phil Larratt, Deputy Leader of the Council, presented a written briefing note to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 9th January 2020. See Agenda & Minutes of this meeting</p> <p>Update July 20 The closure of the Leisure Centres and Furlough of staff as a result of Covid19 has impacted on the progress made. The development of a strategy is part of the Culture and Leisure Workstream for the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council and this will be progressed alongside Northamptonshire Sport input too. John Fletcher, MD of Northampton Leisure Trust is involved in the workstream as is the Culture as is the Cultural Services Manager and Direct Services Manager responsible for Parks and Open Spaces.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 3rd June 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>This Council recognises the strength of public opinion recently expressed in London and Northampton to address the issue of climate change and the need to address carbon reduction to protect the health and wellbeing of future generations. The council also notes that the UK parliament has declared a Climate Emergency.</p> <p>The Council therefore declares "a Climate Emergency" in Northampton and commits to a target of making Northampton carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>The Council requests a report to the Council at the beginning of 2020 setting out the action that has been taken in respect to this motion and detailing how progressing this objective has been communicated to and integrated within the start up plans of the West Northamptonshire Unitary Council.</p>	<p>Director of Planning and Sustainability</p>	<p>Clr Mike Hallam</p>	<p>An approach to Energy Use within the Borough is being drafted.</p> <p>June 2020: The Council is continuing to develop a Carbon Neutral approach whilst also working with neighbouring and partner Councils to develop a common agenda. The Climate Change forum meets regularly, and is helping to identify key areas for activity. The Council is also represented on the emerging West Northamptonshire Environment task and finish group which is currently establishing its scope. Sept 2020; Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
3	<p>All parties within this council acknowledge the urgency of dealing with climate change. We need cross party agreement to develop strategies for a greener, more sustainable society in Northampton. A green revolution is required.</p> <p>Working with partners we will seek to implement the following actions, which we strongly believe will benefit Northampton in leading an eco-friendly Britain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ban on single-use plastics within school environments. Schools across Northampton produce a huge amount of plastic waste each week • Northampton schools would benefit from educating their students on eco issues through school schemes, where programs could be set up in order to teach students how to stay green in lessons, such as Personal, Social, Health and Economic education or by holding educational assemblies with influential speakers. • To help further reduce the damaging effects of plastic littering, the council should support and work closely with schemes operated by companies like TerraCycle who turn many unrecyclable plastics (such as crisp packets and wrappers) into outdoor furniture. • To explore with Local businesses and partners options for an eco-rewards scheme that would allow individuals and groups to gain something back from recycling. • Northampton Borough Council to commit to reducing carbon emissions, both as an organisation and as the local planning authority and resolve to go further than the UK100 Agreement. To act in line with the scientific consensus that we must reduce emissions to net-zero carbon by 2030, thus use the planning process to encourage developers to consider low carbon developments. <p>Joining many councils who have already done the same, NBC declares "a Climate Emergency" in Northampton and commits to a target, in line with the above actions, of making Northampton carbon neutral by 2030.</p> <p>The Council requests a production of a baseline report to be submitted to the council in the beginning of 2020 setting out the action that has been taken in respect to this motion. This Council also resolves to work with other local authorities ahead of Unitary to use the baseline report as the basis on which to develop an action plan which could be adopted by the new Council.</p>	<p>Director of Planning and Sustainability</p>	<p>Clr Mike Hallam</p>	<p>An approach to Energy Use within the Borough is being drafted.</p> <p>June 2020: The Council is continuing to develop a Carbon Neutral approach whilst also working with neighbouring and partner Councils to develop a common agenda. The Climate Change forum meets regularly, and is helping to identify key areas for activity. The Council is also represented on the emerging West Northamptonshire Environment task and finish group which is currently establishing its scope. Sept 2020; Work is ongoing</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Meeting date: 17th June 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
4	This Council recognises the contribution made to the town by the voluntary sector. They will bring local intelligence, energy, commitment and resources to our localities. We therefore agree: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To include the voluntary sector in our forward plans;• To ensure robust partnerships are in place as we go into the new Unitary Authority;• To work with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire to provide the Northampton voluntary sector with sound funding and business advice; and• To work with VIN and CVS to develop back room services for the voluntary sector.	Community Safety & Engagement Manager	Clr Anna King	The community and voluntary sector are engaged across our work streams and we continue to grant Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire to provide sound funding and business advice to all our community and voluntary groups in the Town. VIN are engaged in the Future Northants workstreams and working with the sector in preparation for the new ways of working as we move towards unitary. Update June 2020 - The community and voluntary sector have been absolutely key to the community resilience hub work that has taken place over the past 14 weeks, in our response to support those most vulnerable within our communities. We are working with the community and voluntary sector, particularly the local infrastructure organisations, including VIN, Northampton Community Foundation and ACRE on a recovery plan.	Ongoing

Meeting date: 22nd July 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
3	<p>At the council meeting on the 3rd June there was unanimous cross party support for action to be taken to address the "climate emergency".</p> <p>Making Northampton carbon neutral by 2030 must be accompanied by conserving and enhancing biodiversity across Northampton and managing its green infrastructure.</p> <p>This council adopted a Biodiversity Supplementary Planning document in May 2015 and this will influence new developments but will not affect the general conservation and enhancement of the existing environmental infrastructure that is vital to reducing Northampton's carbon footprint.</p> <p>In August 2011 under the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition government the Department for Environment and Rural Affairs issued a report entitled:- BIODIVERSITY 2020 : A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services. The mission for this strategy was to halt overall biodiversity loss, support healthy well-functioning ecosystems and establish coherent ecological networks, with more and better places for nature for the benefit of wildlife and people.</p> <p>The council requests that, and following on from the cross party meeting on 18th June, a report be presented to this Council, setting out how we have responded to the Biodiversity 2020 challenge highlighting those areas that still need to be addressed and actions that need to be considered when preparing the 2020/21 budget.</p>	Director of Planning and Sustainability	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>The Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study, completed in 2018, commissioned as part of the Local Plan Part 2 evidence base makes reference to Biodiversity 2020 and includes assessments of ecosystem services provided at each open space.</p> <p>The Green Infrastructure Plan for Northampton seeks to enhance existing areas of priority habitat, increasing opportunities for wildlife to move around the landscape by way of "stepping stones" and "corridors". This approach is to be articulated through Local Plan Part 2 policy.</p> <p>The Council is a partner in the Nene Valley Nature Improvement Area (NIA) which seeks to re-create and reconnect natural areas along the Nene and its tributaries from Daventry to Peterborough. This area includes the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area, for which the Council has adopted a joint Supplementary Planning Document. Taking this into account, we have worked closely with the County Council's Ecology Officer in the preparation of the Local Plan Part 2 and also in the determination of planning applications.</p> <p>The Council has recently started working with partner councils in the NIA in securing a tool for habitat opportunity mapping, which will identify potential areas for the expansion of key habitats including broadleaved and mixed woodland, semi-natural grassland and wetlands. This will assist decision-making for planning applications because it will, among other things, map opportunities to enhance biodiversity and deal with air pollution, surface water runoff and soil erosion.</p> <p>The Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust continues to manage Local Nature Reserves in Northampton under a Service Level Agreement with the Council.</p> <p>In putting together the Local Plan Part 2, taking account of the evidence commissioned above, the Council is taking a strategic approach to planning for nature within and across local areas. The Council will continue to secure planning obligations associated with the protection and enhancement of natural networks. Sept 2020, the Local Plan part 2 is out for consultation.</p>	Ongoing
4	<p>Air Quality Policy 2 of The Northampton Low Emissions Strategy states: "We will aim to reduce the vehicle emissions that have a harmful effect on air quality, by increasing the attractiveness of low polluting alternatives to the private car and encouraging modal shift."</p> <p>Air Quality Policy no 6 states: "We will work with operators and Government to seek the introduction of buses fuelled by alternative fuel sources in Northamptonshire."</p> <p>Other Local Authorities with similar policies have imposed target dates to ensure the introduction of alternative fuelled buses in their areas. Northampton does not have such a target and as a result we are getting older more polluting vehicles that other areas have banned.</p> <p>We therefore call on NBC to work with public transport operators, Northamptonshire County Council and Michael Ellis MP, (Minister of State, Department of Transport,) to take urgent action to :-</p> <p>1: Ban all diesel buses that do not meet EURO 5 Emissions standards or higher, from scheduled bus and coach services, in Northampton by 1st April 2023.</p> <p>2: To ensure that buses and coaches that do not meet EURO 6 standards are withdrawn from scheduled service routes by 1st April 2025.</p> <p>3: Produce a public transport plan for the Northampton Travel to Work Area that will enable the councils and successor authorities to secure funding for a Low and Ultra-Low Emissions Public Transport Infrastructures. With the aim of getting rid of diesel powered buses from Northampton and the county by 1st January 2030.</p> <p>4: In addition, we call on NBC to campaign to stop cars and buses idling, enforcing this with Fixed penalties under The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) Regulations 2002</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Clr Mike Hallam	<p>Update Feb 2020 Discussions are ongoing with partner agencies about possible opportunities for the development of electric bus networks.</p> <p>Additional work to reduce vehicle emissions including an evaluation of the practicality of using the fixed penalty regime to target vehicle idling will be undertaken as part of the air quality action planning that will take place once the new town centre air quality management area has been declared.</p> <p>Update June 2020 Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it has not been possible to progress the actions as previously anticipated. It is anticipated that plans being developed to encourage active travel in Northampton will deliver positive outcomes in this area.</p>	Ongoing
5	<p>The council is currently consulting on Part 2 of the Local Plan with the view of submitting the draft for public inspection in 2020.</p> <p>The draft plan has introduced a more detailed categorisation of open space which differentiates between Parks and Gardens and Amenity Green Space.</p> <p>Many well-known parks have been categorised as Amenity Green Spaces (AGS) which is defined as Informal recreation and green spaces in and around housing, with a primary purpose of providing opportunities for informal activities close to home or work.</p> <p>The council is concerned that the public would not recognise their local park as complying with this definition and requests that consideration is given to all open spaces, with play equipment supplied and maintained by this council, be classified as Parks and Gardens and not as Amenity Green Spaces.</p>	Director of Planning and Sustainability	Clr James Hill	<p>This will be addressed in the Local Plan part 2 Sep 20 - this matter has been considered in light of national guidance and is covered in the Local Plan Part 2 which is currently out for consult</p>	Ongoing
6	<p>This Council recognises that poverty, as an issue in the county, has a major impact on the life chances of our citizens. We have 18,000 plus children living in poverty. We are seeing an increasing number of our elderly, vulnerable residents living in poverty.</p> <p>We will therefore, working with partners and services, develop an anti-poverty strategy that will: - seek to prevent people and families becoming poor; - support people and families with appropriate measures when they are poor, and; - support people to maximise their income to get them, and the following generation, out of poverty.</p> <p>This strategy will be offered to the new Unitary Authority as a working document.</p>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Anna King	<p>There is currently an overview and scrutiny panel looking at Food Poverty within the Town. The evidence being gathered during this process may help to support any potential future strategy that may be devised as an outcome/recommendation of this process. The work of the panel will also be fed into the Housing and Revenue and Benefits Future Northants workstreams who are looking at Poverty as a whole.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 16th September 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>Council notes the excellent work of the "Save our Street Trees" Group in Far Cotton and the work they have done in bringing both NBC and NCC together with the Woodland Trust to look at a trial project for re-instating street trees in Northampton.</p> <p>Council notes the work of the former Mayor of London Boris Johnson in re-instating 20,000 of street trees to our Capital during his time as the Mayor and the benefit that can give to the wider environment and efforts to combat climate change. He also delivered his pledge to create 100 rejuvenated spaces as part of his pocket parks programme in 26 London boroughs, with more than 25 hectares of community land across the capital having been converted into new enhanced green areas.</p> <p>Northampton Borough Council calls for a transformation of underused urban spaces across our town. Trees deliver huge benefits such as cleaning the air and storing carbon. To ensure future generations receive these benefits and Northampton grows sustainably, we all need to protect existing trees and plant new trees.</p> <p>Therefore, this Council requests on the initial work to form a joint plan for wider scale re-instatement of street trees as part of the move to Unitary.</p>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Clr Tim Hadland	As part of the vision to transform Northampton town centre trees form an important part of this. As designs are developed the council will look at how these opportunities can be maximised.	Ongoing

Meeting date: 4th November 2019

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
1	<p>7 in 10 young people have experienced cyberbullying. 26% of young people who have been cyberbullied report feeling suicidal.</p> <p>Whether you are in the public eye or not, you cannot get away from social media and it is ruining a lot of people's lives.</p> <p>Building on the excellent BBC's documentary 'Odd One Out', featuring Little Mix star Jesy Nelson, this Council believes that there is a real need to talk more about cyberbullying, how this is making us feel and how to tackle it.</p> <p>NBC is proud to say that we held a primary school event on 16th October and has two more planned for this academic year 2019-20: 11th February and 5th June 2020, all focussing on various community safety messages, including online safety.</p> <p>Based on the feedback from the young people, the Council has this year also added the topic of cyberbullying and 540 year six's will have attended the events and received this informal education.</p> <p>This Council further commits to launching its secondary school programme covering cyberbullying, with the first one taking place on 24th November at Weston Favell secondary and this being rolled out to Northampton International Academy and other secondary schools before the end of the academic year.</p> <p>We live in a social media obsessed world and people say things without realising the devastating effect on young lives and families. This Council is fully committed to leading the way in showing that bullying is not ok.</p> <p>Lowdown offer free counselling and advice to young people aged 12-25yrs across Northampton. The following link provides information and guidance for young people facing these issues http://thelowdown.info/issues/cyberbullying/</p>	Community Safety & Engagement Manager	Clr Anna King	<p>Four primary school community safety events have been held at the Deco in the last 18 months. We have engaged 16 of our priority primary schools, more than 650 year 6 students, attended during the day to learn more from our experts, through workshops, theatre performances and films about important issues such as knife crime, gangs, online safety, cyberbullying, child sexual exploitation, railway safety, hate crime and anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>We also held our first secondary school's community safety awareness raising event held at the Deco theatre in November 2019 .540 year 8 and 9 students attended from Weston Favell Academy to hear key community safety messages. Expert speakers, performers and presenters covered topics such as healthy relationships, knife and gang crime, personal safety, online safety, grooming, cyber bullying and hate crime.</p> <p>As a result of the success of the first event, we have had expressions of interest from a number of secondary schools and Booth Lane College to deliver the programme.</p> <p>Update June 2020 - Unfortunately we haven't been able to deliver any further school events, the three that we had arranged for the Spring/Summer have been cancelled due to COVID-19.</p> <p>We do have a commitment from a number of schools, primary and secondary and the colleges. We will be looking at the viability to deliver the events virtually/pre-recorded for the new academic year.</p>	Ongoing
3	<p>This council congratulates Norwich Council for winning the Stirling Architecture Prize for its recently developed housing estate, Goldsmith Street, comprised of almost 100 'ultra-low-energy homes'</p> <p>This is the first time in the 23-year history of the Stirling prize that it has been awarded to social housing.</p> <p>"A modest masterpiece" is how the RIBA Stirling prize judges described the project, designed by London firm Mikhail Riches with Cathy Hawley, representing "highquality architecture in its purest most environmentally and socially conscious form". The 105 creamy-brick homes are designed to stringent Passivhaus environmental standards, meaning energy costs are around 70% cheaper than average. The walls are highly insulated, and the roofs are cleverly angled at 15 degrees, to ensure each terrace doesn't block sunlight from the homes behind, while letterboxes are built into external porches, rather than the front doors, to reduce any possibility of draughts.</p> <p>Immense thought has gone into every detail – from the perforated brick balconies to the cleverly interlocking staircases in the three-storey flats at the end of each terrace – to ensure that every home has its own front door on the street. The back gardens look on to a planted alley, dotted with communal tables and benches, while parking has been pushed to the edge of the site, freeing up the streets for people, not cars.</p> <p>This year's choice sends a clear message that, despite government cuts, it is eminently possible for brave councils to take the initiative and build environmentally sustainable social housing.</p> <p>We call on NBC to be brave and develop an ambitious long-term sustainable housing plan.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Clr Stephen Hibbert	<p>Update July 2020 - We are working closely with Northampton Partnership Homes to ensure that all new council homes are environmentally sustainable. Examples include the new homes planned for the Roof Gardens (resulting from the regeneration of Berkeley House and St Mary's Court) and the Clock House (resulting from the conversion of a redundant office) which are due to be constructed over the next couple of years.</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 20th January 2020

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>We note that all the party manifestos promised new money for youth.</p> <p>This council recognises that well-resourced youth work in Northampton will deliver many benefits. It will:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide meaningful and enriching activities for young people; • provide jobs and career pathways for youth workers; • deflect young people from gangs and criminal activity; • enable young people to develop a voice and contribute to the regeneration of the town. <p>To this end we agree to support the local campaign for a Youth Centre for Northampton.</p> <p>The centre will be multifaceted and provide a focus for developing our understanding of what young people in the town need, for developing youth work, and developing a youth voice for the town.</p> <p>A youth centre, particularly in the town centre, will bring new energy and commitment to the town.</p>	Community Safety & Engagement Manager	Clr Anna King	<p>Youth Provision meeting established to coordinate the activity and youth spaces that are developing in the Town. Bringing partners together to work collaboratively as our youth offer continues to grow and develop.</p> <p>Youth space has been secured in the Town Centre. Support being offered to Free2Talk and partners to develop the space.</p> <p>Update June 2020 - Youth space has been secured in the Town Centre and the lease is currently being signed. Support being offered to Free2Talk and partners to develop the space. We are also exploring other youth spaces in the Town, including the basement areas within MacDonald's in the Drapery and at Weston Favell.</p> <p>We are meeting regularly (and have continued during the past 14 weeks) with youth providers, the objectives of the meetings include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate the development of youth spaces across the Borough to enhance services and avoid duplication of effort. 2. Information exchange and opportunities to work in partnership, maximising current resources. 3. Organisations attending to provide feedback to and from the youth organisations/groups which they represent. 4. Map existing provision to identify current gaps, including activity, times, days etc. 5. Promotion of positive activities and local services for young people. 6. Identify and develop collaborative projects. 7. Identify funding opportunities. <p>In the last 3 weeks, we have developed a newsletter which details the services that are available for young people across the borough</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 15th June 2020

Motion no.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
2	<p>The recent resolution at Cabinet to pass the Homelessness Rough Sleeping and Action Plan 2020, represents a huge amount of collaborative work and investigation completed on Homeless in Northampton over the past five years.</p> <p>The resolution also follows a remarkable shift in the challenge of tackling entrenched rough sleeping during the Covid-19 pandemic. The support made available for rough sleepers and NBC's quick and robust response transformed the look and approach to rough sleeping in Northampton. Rough sleepers being offered good quality accommodation in line with the principles of Housing First, excellent communication between different agencies and the placement of organisations where people were living created an environment in which people felt supported and empowered to access help allowing them to move on from rough sleeping.</p> <p>As the situation with Covid-19 evolves and changes, it is vital that the excellent progress in the rough sleeping approach seen during it is not lost and that the new strategy is able to meet its full potential. The Cabinet papers recognise that the continuation of this strategy in its current form requires the continued input of the MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative funding created out of the government's Homelessness Reduction Scheme. It is vital that the government continue to provide this funding, as its loss or reduction would have a detrimental impact on NBC's ability to continue to deliver, develop and grow this strategy.</p> <p>Therefore:</p> <p>This council recognises and applauds the work completed by the NBC Housing Team, its partners from other agencies and the wider voluntary sector, together with the Overview and Scrutiny panels. progressing the new, transformative homelessness strategy.</p> <p>This council resolves to write to the West Northants MPs to ensure that the government continues to fund this vital body of work.</p>	<p>Director of Housing/Chief Executive</p>		<p>Update - July 2020. Since the Council Meeting on 15 June 2020, the Government has announced a substantial package of funding - its Next Steps Accommodation Programme - to support local authorities in accommodating rough sleepers and then moving them on into settled housing. In August 2020, Northampton will be submitting its bid for funding. At that point, letters signed by George Candler will be sent to the MP's in West Northants, asking them to support the Council's bid for funding.</p>	Ongoing
3	<p>That this Council, under, and in pursuance of the powers conferred by virtue of Section 249 Local Government Act, 1972, proposes that the local National Health Service be recommended for admission into the Freedom of the Borough of Northampton, in recognition and appreciation of the outstanding services rendered to the residents of the town during the COVID19 Emergency.</p> <p>This will be done through the immediate establishment of a cross-party working group and a subsequent report recommending how this honour should be granted, followed by a Special Meeting of the Council where it will be voted on.</p>	<p>Monitoring Officer</p>		<p>UPDATE July 2020: A report will be submitted to the existing Community Governance Review Cross Party Working Group which will make onward recommendations to full council at its meeting on 14th September</p>	Ongoing

Meeting date: 20th July 2020

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status
1	<p>Predictions are there is going to be a spike in evictions this Autumn following the Covid-19 crisis moratorium on evictions and the movement of people. Our social lettings agency has an ever more important role to mitigate against this happening.</p> <p>We call on the Council to invest to save by renting or buying up houses to let in the private sector where tenants or landlords are struggling.</p>	Director of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr Stephen Hibbert		
2	<p>Council recognises the hard work of the Neighbourhood Warden team in tackling fly-tipping, issuing a record number of enforcement notices and in the engagement work they do with local communities. We call on the Council to set up a multi-agency team including the police to track down perpetrators and ensure the appropriate action is taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - against criminal and illegal operators who knowingly rob their customers by charging for the removal of rubbish, which is later dumped in our streets; - against landlords who dump household waste on pavements; - against and being seen to impose hefty fines on social groups and partygoers who leave piles of used food containers and bottles on our parks; - to actively support tenants and residents who want to use the recycling depots but for whatever reason are unable to, and; - to work with the University to offer a collection service to student landlords. 	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Mike Hallam	Update August 2020 A Multi-agency meeting has been arranged for September to progress this action	Ongoing
3	<p>This Council recognises the importance of Northampton's arts and cultural sector as the 'soul' of Northampton and will work with our Conservative MPs and central government to access Northampton's portion of the record-breaking national support package, the biggest ever one-off investment in UK culture. This will not only help to secure local jobs, but also mean that our iconic venues can weather the storm created by coronavirus and come back stronger and continue to be there for local residents and future generations to enjoy. This council will work tirelessly to ensure that this sector emerges from this crisis by continuing to invest in the work of our Heritage, Culture and Communities team in order to provide the support required.</p> <p>We note that it is our function to interfere with our MPs in the interest of our communities and for the protection and development of our Arts Infrastructure.</p> <p>We further note that any monies coming forward from Central Government will need to be supported with a strategic plan for the arts to ensure a longer-term future for the arts in the town. We urge Overview and Scrutiny to pursue this with all due speed.</p>	Director of Customers and Communities	Cllr Anna King	Update August 2020 Support and advice has been given to a number of cultural organisations to direct them to and assist with applications for funding. Work towards recruiting a part-time temporary position of Cultural Director to support the development of a Cultural Forum within the Town has recently been restarted following a pause whilst the arts organisations focused on support bids and funding.	Ongoing