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**NORTHAMPTON**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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## 22nd January 2018

**Agenda Status: Public**

**Directorate: Borough Secretary**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Update on carried Motions submitted to Council</b>
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### 1. Purpose

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1.1 To update all Members of the Council on the status of motions following approval at full Council for the previous six-months.

### 2. Recommendations

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2.1 That the information relating to motions be noted.

### 3. Issues and Choices

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#### 3.1 Report Background

3.1 At the Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017 a motion was submitted by the Liberal Democrat Group which requested that information be provided for Councillors on the motions that had been voted on. An alteration to the original motion was submitted by the Conservative group and the following motion was passed:

*“This council believes that motions passed by a majority vote are important and that the public would expect them to be acted on.*

*There should we believe be a report-back process on action taken and where appropriate results.*

*To ensure that the proper process exists, it needs to be enshrined in the Constitution of this authority and Council resolves to address this as a part of a Constitution review in the very near future”*

- 3.2 Having been supported by the Council, it has subsequently been agreed that a report updating members on carried motions be submitted to Council every 6 months.
- 3.3 A cross party Constitution Review Working Party has been established and as part of their review of the Constitution, the Party has agreed that wording will be included in the Constitution that will incorporate the changes requested by this motion.
- 3.4 Any changes that are made to the Constitution will be submitted to Full Council for approval.
- 3.5 Officers have undertaken an information gathering exercise to assess the current status of Motions that have been passed and what has been completed or is in the process of being completed for each Directorate.
- 3.6 Information contained within the appendix of the report demonstrates that of the 17 motions submitted 6 are currently outstanding, 6 are in progress and 5 have been completed.
- 3.7 Due to the complexities of work that is required to complete some of the motions, it is reasonable for several motions to be 'in progress' for a period of time whilst officers carry out work in prior to completion which can also involve partnership agencies.
- 3.8 In order to promote transparency and allow for members to monitor the progress of motions, a table of motions (previously passed by Council) that are being progressed or have been actioned and completed will be published and uploaded on the intranet. This will be updated on an ad hoc basis as and when motions have been completed or significant progress made. Should Members wish to have further information on individual motions, a narrative will be provided with additional information that cannot practically be reported on the published table of motions by contacting Democratic Services who will endeavour to gather relevant information on each motion.
- 3.9 A further report will be submitted to Council in July 2018 updating Council on the six month progress since this meeting and on further progress of motions submitted and carried at future Council meetings.

#### **4. Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **4.1 Policy**

4.1.1 N/A

##### **4.2 Resources and Risk**

4.2.1 There are no resources or risks as an outcome of the report.

##### **4.3 Legal**

4.3.1 There are no legal implications as an outcome of the report.

#### **4.4 Equality**

4.4.1 None

#### **4.5 Other Implications**

4.5.1 N/A

### **5. Background Papers**

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5.1 None

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