

COUNCIL MOTIONS LIST

22nd January 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cllr Stephen Hibbert</p>	<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>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>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> <p>This Council recognises the demand for, and commits to, a robust, coordinated, intelligence-led response to breaches of legislation and complaints regarding it, and therefore calls on the Police and other agencies to do everything in their power to help support NBC</p>			<p>The Housing Enforcement Team is now imposing civil penalties as an alternative to criminal prosecutions and, during the financial year, penalties were issued for a total of £212k.</p>		
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COUNCIL MOTIONS LIST

12th March 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
2.	<p>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.</p>	<p>Head of Customers and Cultural Services</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hallam</p>	<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 and accepts plastic bottles</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

				<p>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</p>	
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<p>4.</p>	<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>	<p>Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>	<p>The trust and volunteers have been thanked</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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<p>5.</p>	<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</p>	<p>Head of Customer and Cultural Services</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hallam</p>	<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</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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	<p>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>			<p>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</p>		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

23rd April 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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 	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr Stephen Hibbert	<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</p>	Ongoing	

	<p>is a two-way process with service users fully consulted and involved with the provision of the services they use.</p>			<p>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</p>		
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				<p>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</p>		
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				Homelessness. All homeless people have been provided with personalised housing plans since the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 in April 2018.	
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> <p>- 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.</p> <p>- 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Crime 	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</p>	Completed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/ncsp-2017---2020</p> <p>- 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.</p>			<p>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>		
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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 towns market offer</p>	<p>Head of Customers and Communities</p>		<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>	<p>Completed</p>	
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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>	<p>Head of Customers and Communities</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>	<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>	<p>Completed</p>	
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5.	<p>Cuckooing' is where gangs travel to towns and befriend vulnerable people in order to take over their home and use it to deal drugs.</p> <p>Northampton Borough Council recognised the seriousness of this problem and has so far, through its Case Management Meetings for Cuckooing, arranged two training sessions for 40 frontline officers across NBC, Adult Social Care, Probation and the Police. Further two sessions have also been fully booked, which will train additional 40 officers.</p> <p>This Council, working closely with the Police, will run an awareness campaign for the public so they can help tackle the increasing problem of 'cuckooing'.</p> <p>The support of the community is crucial for pursuing 'cuckooing' drug dealers and those who choose to engage themselves in the illegal supply of drugs and associated antisocial behaviour and for this, commits to setting up a hot line for anonymous reporting of any suspicious activity.</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>	<p>Cuckooing case management meeting chaired by Community Safety & Engagement Manager – individual cases discussed – focus on supporting the victim.</p> <p>In the past 6 months, two cuckooing specific injunctions have been sought to tackle offenders</p> <p>More than 150 frontline officers trained, across the partnership, to understand what cuckooing is, the signs and how to report/get support.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

4th June 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Cllr Jonathan Nunn</p>	<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>Completed</p>	<p>31/08/18</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>				
2.	<p>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>Head of Planning</p>	<p>Cllr 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,</p>	<p>Completed</p>

				<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	
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				established in order to justify a future policy		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

9th July 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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>	Chief Executive	Cllr Phil Larratt	<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>	Completed	
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>	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Cllr 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>	Ongoing	

	<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</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>		
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	<p>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>					
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>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr 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>	Ongoing	
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</p>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr Anna King	<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>	Completed	

	<p>'happy town', including the launch of Northampton's first 'Happy Café' in June. 'Happy Cafés' 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 Café' 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>Funding offered through NBC's grants programmes for the 'Happy Hood' project and counselling services.</p>		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

10th September 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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</p>	<p>Head of Customers and Communities</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hallam</p>	<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>	<p>Completed</p>	

	<p>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>				
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>	Head of Planning	Cllr 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>	Completed

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 RFI are situated predominantly in the Midlands and the North, and that SRFI capacity needs to be provided at a wide range of</p>	<p>Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager</p>	<p>Cllr Tim Hadland</p>	<p>A letter to the Secretary of State was written about this matter.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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<p>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>					
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

5th November 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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	Cllr Tim Hadland	Northampton Forward, a group made up of leading representatives from NBC, NCC, SEMLEP, UoN, Royal and Derngate, 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	Completed	

				considered as the programme develops.		
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's 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	Cllr Tim Hadland	A meanwhile use (temporary use) strategy for the site will begin to 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.	Ongoing	
3.	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	Economic Growth and Regeneration Manager	Cllr Tim Hadland	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	Completed	

	<p>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. 			<p>too early to start making preparations. We will continue to keep this under review as the technology develops.</p>		
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</p>	<p>Head of Customers and Communities</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hallam</p>	<p>Any damage caused by events is recharged to the organisers and to</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>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>			<p>date, there have been no issues.</p>	
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: 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.</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>	<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</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

	<p>2) Restate its condemnation of all forms of racism in all its manifestations</p> <p>3) Adopt the IHRA definition of antisemitism as the working model for challenging and confronting incidents of this form of racism.</p> <p>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.</p>			<p>commemorated on 11 July.</p> <p>Northants Police work towards the definition, that is recommended by the Royal College of Policing,</p>	
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</p>	<p>Head of Customer and Communities</p>	<p>Cllr Mike Hallam</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

	<p>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>					
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</p>	<p>Head of Housing and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>	<p>Northampton Museums and Art Gallery (NMAG) will seek to align its planning and programming with Northampton becoming a Dementia Friendly Town. It will</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	

	<p>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>			<p>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</p>		
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				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.		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

10th December 2018

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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>	Head of Housing and Wellbeing	Cllr 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</p> <p>Funding provided for Northampton Rape Crisis and the Sunflower Centre, more than £30k</p> <p>16 Days of activism delivered</p>	Ongoing	
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>	Head of Customers and Communities	Cllr Mike Hallam	<p>Monthly air quality monitoring results are now reported on the Council's website. With effect from April 2019 the relevant webpages are being</p>	Completed	

	<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>			<p>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>		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

14th January 2019

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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>	Chief Finance Officer	Cllr 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>	Completed	July 2019

	<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>					
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>	Chief Finance Officer	Cllr 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>	Completed	July 2019

	<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 					
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	residents, and reaffirms its commitment to ensure that NBC is an attractive place for good staff to work.					
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,</p>	Chief Finance Officer	Cllr 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>	Completed	January 2019

	use local suppliers to support the local economy.					
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	Cllr 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 out public.</p>	Completed	
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 	Chief Finance Officer	Cllr Jonathan Nunn	<p>NBC renewed its membership of the previous two tick scheme, now known as Disability Confident on 11 January 2019</p>	Completed	January 2019

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>					
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

11th March 2019

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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	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)	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>	Head 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:</p>	Ongoing	April 2021

	<p>Only by doing this can we protect the assets in Northampton for the people of the town.</p>			<p>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</p>		
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				<p>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</p>	
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				<p>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>		
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				<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</p>	
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				<p>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>	
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>	Head of Planning	Cllr 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>	Ongoing

	<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>			<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>		
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

3rd June 2019

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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>	Head of Planning	Cllr Mike Hallam		Ongoing	
3.	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	Head of Planning	Cllr Mike Hallam	An approach to Energy Use within the Borough is being drafted.	Ongoing	

<p>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,					
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<p>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> <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>					
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

17th June 2019

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
4.	<p>Mr David Ward of Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire addressed Council indicating that 147 organisations had provided support over the last few months. Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire worked to provide car schemes to take people to appointments and the 'Happy Home' scheme which helped to reduce isolation. They were invested in helping community organisations. He tried to bring additional funding into the county. He asked how the voluntary sector could engage with Councillors. He vocal and passionate about the community sector and promoted organisations engaging in a positive way. He asked that Council helped to share the same vision and provide continuity for people whilst the government reform changes were being undertaken.</p> <p>This Council recognises the contribution made to the town by the voluntary sector. They will bring local intelligence, energy, commitment and</p>	<p>Community Safety & Engagement Manager</p>	<p>Cllr Anna King</p>			

<p>resources to our localities. We therefore agree:</p> <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.					
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FULL COUNCIL MOTIONS

22nd July 2019

Motion No.	Motion	Responsible Officer	Responsible Cabinet Member	Actions	Status	Completion Date
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</p>					

	aim to increase the amount of Rapid Charging Points available to the general public in Northampton					
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”. 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</p>					

	<p>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>					
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</p>					

	<p>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>					
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	<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> <p>5: We also call on NBC to establish car free zones around schools wherever possible.</p>					
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</p>	Head of Planning			Ongoing	

	<p>supplied and maintained by this council, be classified as Parks and Gardens and not as Amenity Green Spaces.</p>					
<p>6.</p>	<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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 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>This strategy will be offered to the new Unitary Authority as a working document.”</p>					

