

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH
HELD AT SWANSPool HOUSE, WELLINGBOROUGH
ON TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019**

Present: The Mayor, Councillor M Ward and Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Graves, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, G Lawman, L Lawman, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Walia, M Waters, V Waters, Watts and York.

Officers present: Mrs L Elliott, (Managing Director), Miss J Thomas, (Director/Monitoring Officer), Mr S Darcy, (Director/S151 Officer), Miss K Denton, Mrs V Jessop, Mr A Piper, (Assistant Directors), Mr S Whiteley (Electoral services), Miss B Cox (Communications), Mr G Betts (Mayor's Sergeant) and Mrs C A Mundy (Democratic Services Officer - Committees).

The Mayor welcomed his guests from the Probus Club.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note that apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gough, Henley, Lloyd, Maguire, Scanlon and Stevenson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note that in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the council's code of conduct and the council's constitution, no declarations were made.

3. MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 22 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the council meeting held on 22 January 2019 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the council meeting of 22 January 2019 be confirmed and signed.

(Councillor Ekins joined the meeting.)

4. QUESTIONS/PETITIONS/REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

RESOLVED that it be noted that Mr Harper, Chairman of Finedon Town Council addressed the meeting and spoke for three minutes, as permitted by the mayor, in relation to agenda item 8 - Order creating Wellingborough Town Council. He expressed the concern of Finedon Town Council over the proposed boundary changes particularly in relation to Stanton Cross being included in the Wellingborough Town Council area instead of Finedon which would result in a loss of precept funding to Finedon Town Council. The comments were noted.

5. MINUTES TO NOTE

The minutes of the following meetings were received to note:

Planning Committee	6 January 2019
Planning Committee	13 February 2019
Standards Assessment Sub-Committee	24 January 2019
Standards Hearing Sub-Committee	24 January 2019

Councillor Scarborough addressed the meeting in relation to the standards items and sought assurance that parish councils would be given support in relation to governance issues by officers. The leader confirmed that he would be meeting with Mr Moody, Chief Executive of Northamptonshire Association of Local Councils and that the borough council would also be giving support.

The monitoring officer also confirmed that it was intended to discuss governance issues at the next parishes forum meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the above meetings be noted.

6. SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15 JANUARY 2019

The minutes of the services committee of 15 January 2019 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the services committee of 15 January 2019 be adopted.

7. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the development committee of 4 February 2019 were received.

Reference was made to minute 5, Local Plan adoption and the recommendation therein, which was approved.

Members asked that their appreciation be extended to the small, outstanding and professional team for their excellent work in bringing the plan to the adoption stage with very few significant changes.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) approval be given to the Plan for the Borough of Wellingborough being adopted;
- (ii) approval be given to the supplementary planning document and guidelines in relation to Wellingborough East and Wellingborough North sustainable urban extensions and High Street/Jackson's lane being revoked;
- (iii) the minutes of the development committee of 4 February 2019 be adopted.

8. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SUB-COMMITTEE – 5 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the local government reform sub-committee of 5 February 2019 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the local government reform sub-committee of 5 February 2019 be adopted.

9. RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the resources committee of 6 February 2019 were received.

Reference was made to item 5 – Revenue budget 2019-20 and the medium term financial plan projection.

The Leader, Councillor Griffiths, explained that the council had faced severe financial pressures mainly due to homelessness and reductions in grant funding during the last year and that this would continue to be the case. There would continue to be a reliance on ear marked reserves for the coming year. He also asked that it be noted that the recommendation in the minutes of an increase of £5 had been amended to £4.83, to ensure that the council did not breach the referendum limit based on average council tax, including special expenses.

The Leader of the Opposition, Councillor Scarborough also addressed the meeting and concurred with the leader's comments and stated that whilst no council wished to increase council tax that there was no choice, the full extent of the homelessness crisis was vast with huge amounts of capital resources being used to try to ease the situation.

The recommendation, with the amendment thereto, was put to the vote and declared carried.

Minute 6, Capital programme medium term financial plan and the recommendation therein was put to the vote and declared carried.

Minute 7, Pay policy statement 2019/20 was also referred to and the recommendation therein was put to the vote and declared carried.

Minute 9, Disabled facilities grant service was also referenced and the recommendation therein was put to the vote and declared carried.

RESOLVED that approval be given:

- (i) to an increase in the council's average band D council tax in 2019-20 of £4.83 (4.36%), as allowed within the referendum limits;
- (ii) in principle, to the following increases in the council's average band D council tax in 2020-21 to 2022-23, subject to meeting the referendum criteria:
 - (a) 2020-21: £5.00 (4.32%);
 - (b) 2021-22: £5.00 (4.14%);
 - (c) 2022-23: £5.00 (3.98%);
- (iii) to the revenue budget for 2019-20 and financial projections;
- (iv) to the fees and charges schedule;
- (v) to capital funding being made available for the financial years 2019-20 to 2023-24;
- (vi) to the prioritised capital schemes being released into the current capital programme;
- (vii) to the list of schemes, as detailed in appendix B and schedule 1 of the report, being released into the capital programme for 2019-20 to 2023-24;
- (viii) to the supplementary budget for inclusion in the capital programme;
- (ix) to the previously awarded section 106 funding for Ladywell allotments being used towards asbestos removal;
- (x) to the Pay Policy Statement 2019/20 being published by 1 April 2019;
- (xi) to the revised establishment and staffing structure to deliver the disabled facilities grant service in-house from 1 April 2019;
- (xii) to the minutes of the resources committee of 6 February 2019 being adopted.

10. TOWN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2019

The minutes of the town centre sub-committee of 11 February 2019 were received.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the town centre sub-committee of 11 February 2019 be adopted.

11. COUNCIL TAX 2019-20

The annexed circulated report of the section 151 officer was received in relation to the calculation and setting of the council tax for 2019-20, along with the tabled updated report.

Appended to the report were the following:

- Appendix A: 2019-20 Council tax resolution;
- Appendix B: 2019-20 Parish council precepts;
- Appendix C: Medium term financial projections 2019-20 to 2022-23.

The leader on presenting the report once again referred to the amendment and confirmed that the increase would be £4.83 for a band D property for 2019/20 to ensure that the council did not breach the referendum limit, based on average council tax including special expenses.

The mayor put the proposition to the vote and in accordance with the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 the following votes were cast:

For: Councillors Abram, Allebone, Anslow, Aslam, Bailey, Beirne, Bell, Bone, Carr, Ekins, Emerson, Francis, Graves, Griffiths, Hallam, Harrington, G Lawman, L Lawman, Morrall, Partridge-Underwood, Patel, Scarborough, Simmons, Skittrall, Walia, M Waters, V Waters, Watts and York (no. 29);

Against: None (no. 0);

Abstention: None (no. 0);

Absent: Councillors Gough, Henley, Lloyd, Maguire, Scanlon and Stevenson (no. 6)

The motion was declared carried with 29 votes in favour. (The mayor did not vote).

RESOLVED that:

- 1 (a) it be noted, that at its meeting on 12 December 2018, the council calculated the amount of 25,113 as its council tax base for the year 2019-20, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, made under section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992;
- (b) the following amounts were calculated by the council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as the amounts of council tax base for the year 2019-20 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (Tax base for parishes and Wellingborough special expenses);

Parish of	Taxbase
Bozeat	767
Great Doddington	492
Earls Barton	2,187
Easton Maudit	41
Ecton	231
Finedon	1,485
Grendon	246
Hardwick	50
Great Harrowden	44
Little Harrowden	333
Irchester	1,533
Isham	337
Mears Ashby	257
Orlingbury	233
Strixton	15
Sywell	375
Wilby	223
Wollaston	1,209
Wellingborough	15,055
Total	25,113

2 the following amounts be now calculated by the council for the year 2019-20 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

- (a) £28,703.296 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issues to it by parish councils;
- (b) £34,334,443 being the aggregate of the amounts which the council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act;
- (c) £4,368,853 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above, calculated by the council in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act as its council tax requirement for the year (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act);
- (d) £173.97 being the amount at (c) above (Item R), all divided by item T2(a) above, calculated by the council , in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including parish precepts);

- (e) £1,467,297 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (as per the attached appendix b to the report) ;
- (f) £115.54 being the amount at (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (e) above by item T(2a) above), calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no parish precept relates;
- (g) the amounts stated in column 3 below given by adding to the amount at (f) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the council's area specified in column 7 of appendix B divided in each case by the amount 2(a) above, calculated by the council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those part of its area set out in column 1 of appendix b to which one or more special items relate. (Council tax at band D for those parishes that have issued a precept and Wellingborough special expenses added to this council's council tax):

	(1)		(2)		(3)
	Council		Parish		Total
	Band D Council		Band D Council		Band D Council
	Tax		Tax		Tax
	£		£		£
Bozeat	115.54		41.33		156.87
Great Doddington	115.54		50.81		166.35
Earls Barton	115.54		58.76		174.30
Easton Maudit	115.54		23.78		139.32
Ecton	115.54		52.94		168.48
Finedon	115.54		43.96		159.50
Grendon	115.54		60.98		176.52
Hardwick	115.54		36.00		151.54
Great Harrowden	115.54		79.55		195.09
Little Harrowden	115.54		68.47		184.01
Irchester	115.54		65.06		180.60
Isham	115.54		82.94		198.48
Mears Ashby	115.54		62.26		177.80
Orlingbury	115.54		33.70		149.24
Strixton	115.54		93.33		208.87
Sywell	115.54		77.69		193.23
Wilby	115.54		46.19		161.73
Wollaston	115.54		63.09		178.63
Wellingborough	115.54		59.24		174.78

- (h) being the amounts set out below given by multiplying the amount at (g) above by the number, which in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands. *(This council and each parish council's combined council tax for each council tax band and which will appear on the council tax bill).*

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bozeat	104.58	122.01	139.44	156.87	191.73	226.59	261.45	313.74
Great Doddington	110.90	129.38	147.87	166.35	203.32	240.28	277.25	332.70
Earls Barton	116.20	135.57	154.93	174.30	213.03	251.77	290.50	348.60
Easton Maudit	92.88	108.36	123.84	139.32	170.28	201.24	232.20	278.64
Ecton	112.32	131.04	149.76	168.48	205.92	243.36	280.80	336.96
Finedon	106.33	124.06	141.78	159.50	194.94	230.39	265.83	319.00
Grendon	117.68	137.29	156.91	176.52	215.75	254.97	294.20	353.04
Hardwick	101.03	117.86	134.70	151.54	185.22	218.89	252.57	303.08
Great Harrowden	130.06	151.74	173.41	195.09	238.44	281.80	325.15	390.18
Little Harrowden	122.67	143.12	163.56	184.01	224.90	265.79	306.68	368.02
Irchester	120.40	140.47	160.53	180.60	220.73	260.87	301.00	361.20
Isham	132.32	154.37	176.43	198.48	242.59	286.69	330.80	396.96
Mears Ashby	118.53	138.29	158.04	177.80	217.31	256.82	296.33	355.60
Orlbury	99.49	116.08	132.66	149.24	182.40	215.57	248.73	298.48
Strixton	139.25	162.45	185.66	208.87	255.29	301.70	348.12	417.74
Sywell	128.82	150.29	171.76	193.23	236.17	279.11	322.05	386.46
Wilby	107.82	125.79	143.76	161.73	197.67	233.61	269.55	323.46
Wollaston	119.09	138.93	158.78	178.63	218.33	258.02	297.72	357.26
Wellingborough	116.52	135.94	155.36	174.78	213.62	252.46	291.30	349.56

- 3 it be noted that for the year 2019-20 the major precepting authorities have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northants County Council	824.07	961.41	1,098.76	1,236.10	1,510.79	1,785.48	2,060.17	2,472.20
Northants PFCC - Police	163.36	190.59	217.81	245.04	299.49	353.95	408.40	490.08
Northants PFCC - Fire	40.51	47.26	54.01	60.76	74.26	87.76	101.27	121.52
TOTAL	1,027.94	1,199.26	1,370.58	1,541.90	1,884.54	2,227.19	2,569.84	3,083.80

- 4 having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2(h) and 3 above, the council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2019-20 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:- *Total Council Tax in each band for each parish*)

Valuation Bands

	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bozeat	1,132.52	1,321.27	1,510.02	1,698.77	2,076.27	2,453.78	2,831.29	3,397.54
Great Doddington	1,138.84	1,328.64	1,518.45	1,708.25	2,087.86	2,467.47	2,847.09	3,416.50
Earls Barton	1,144.14	1,334.83	1,525.51	1,716.20	2,097.57	2,478.96	2,860.34	3,432.40
Easton Maudit	1,120.82	1,307.62	1,494.42	1,681.22	2,054.82	2,428.43	2,802.04	3,362.44
Ecton	1,140.26	1,330.30	1,520.34	1,710.38	2,090.46	2,470.55	2,850.64	3,420.76
Finedon	1,134.27	1,323.32	1,512.36	1,701.40	2,079.48	2,457.58	2,835.67	3,402.80
Grendon	1,145.62	1,336.55	1,527.49	1,718.42	2,100.29	2,482.16	2,864.04	3,436.84
Hardwick	1,128.97	1,317.12	1,505.28	1,693.44	2,069.76	2,446.08	2,822.41	3,386.88
Great Harrowden	1,158.00	1,351.00	1,543.99	1,736.99	2,122.98	2,508.99	2,894.99	3,473.98
Little Harrowden	1,150.61	1,342.38	1,534.14	1,725.91	2,109.44	2,492.98	2,876.52	3,451.82
Irchester	1,148.34	1,339.73	1,531.11	1,722.50	2,105.27	2,488.06	2,870.84	3,445.00
Isham	1,160.26	1,353.63	1,547.01	1,740.38	2,127.13	2,513.88	2,900.64	3,480.76
Mears Ashby	1,146.47	1,337.55	1,528.62	1,719.70	2,101.85	2,484.01	2,866.17	3,439.40
Orlینگbury	1,127.43	1,315.34	1,503.24	1,691.14	2,066.94	2,442.76	2,818.57	3,382.28
Strixton	1,167.19	1,361.71	1,556.24	1,750.77	2,139.83	2,528.89	2,917.96	3,501.54
Sywell	1,156.76	1,349.55	1,542.34	1,735.13	2,120.71	2,506.30	2,891.89	3,470.26
Wilby	1,135.76	1,325.05	1,514.34	1,703.63	2,082.21	2,460.80	2,839.39	3,407.26
Wollaston	1,147.03	1,338.19	1,529.36	1,720.53	2,102.87	2,485.21	2,867.56	3,441.06
Wellingborough	1,144.46	1,335.20	1,525.94	1,716.68	2,098.16	2,479.65	2,861.14	3,433.36

- 5 the council has determined that its relevant basic amount of council tax for 2019-20 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992. The council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that that authority's relevant basic amount of council tax for 2019-20 is excessive.

	2018-19			2019-20			
			Council Tax			Council Tax	Council Tax
Parish / Town	Tax Base	Precept	Band D	Tax Base	Precept	Band D	Change
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
		£	£		£	£	
Bozeat	760	31,099	40.92	767	31,700	41.33	1.00%
Great Doddington	492	25,000	50.81	492	25,000	50.81	0.00%
Earls Barton	2,099	122,300	58.27	2,187	128,505	58.76	0.84%
Easton Maudit	41	975	23.78	41	975	23.78	0.00%
Ecton	231	12,229	52.94	231	12,229	52.94	0.00%
Finedon	1,464	64,000	43.72	1,485	65,280	43.96	0.55%
Grendon	243	14,415	59.32	246	15,000	60.98	2.80%
Hardwick	47	1,600	34.04	50	1,800	36.00	5.76%
Great Harrowden	44	2,000	45.45	44	3,500	79.55	75.03%
Little Harrowden	333	20,802	62.47	333	22,800	68.47	9.60%
Irchester	1,511	98,302	65.06	1,533	99,737	65.06	0.00%
Isham	337	24,950	74.04	337	27,950	82.94	12.02%
Mears Ashby	252	13,500	53.57	257	16,000	62.26	16.22%
Orlingbury	232	7,697	33.18	233	7,851	33.70	1.57%
Strixton	15	1,400	93.33	15	1,400	93.33	0.00%
Sywell	367	26,500	72.21	375	29,134	77.69	7.59%
Wilby	216	9,500	43.98	223	10,300	46.19	5.03%
Wollaston	1,196	71,865	60.09	1,209	76,278	63.09	4.99%
Total Parishes	9,880	548,134	55.48	10,058	575,439	57.21	3.12%
Wellingborough Town	14,612	865,615	59.24	15,055	891,858	59.24	0.00%
TOTAL	24,492	1,413,749		25,113	1,467,297		

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's	£ 000's
Current spending levels B/F	10,106	11,059	10,631	9,964	9,484
Net Changes - Standstill Budget	212	-66			
Revised spending levels	10,318	10,993	10,631	9,964	9,484
Inescapable pressures - Operational:					
Pay Inflation - Future Years			97	99	101
Vacancy Factor 2%		-97			
General inflation	50				
Additional Contributions to offset Pension Strain			14	14	14
Local Plan pressures	-82				
Planning Appeals	-70				
Castle interim management costs	129		-181	-8	2
Waendel Leisure Centre	-270				
Grants to Voluntary Bodies			-202		
Income from additional Investment Properties		-100	-200		
Norse Pension Gain		-165		165	
Sports Development			-36		
Transfer of activities to Wellingborough Town Council			-90		
Waendal Walk sponsorship			-19		
Rationalisation of Operational Properties			-30		
Street Lighting renewal programme			-20		
Environmental Fees & Charges Policy				-750	
Parish Precepts	46				
Norse Operational Costs	250				
Service Transformation					
Shared Services (IT Strategy)	-100				
Revenue Invest to Save:					
Homelessness Prevention	54				
Statutory/National Changes:					
Changes in welfare reform demand pressures	300				
Homelessness & Temporary Accommodation Pressures	434				
Total Changes to Base spending levels	741	-362	-667	-480	117
Revised spending levels C/F	11,059	10,631	9,964	9,484	9,602
Financed by:					
Underlying Budget Deficit:	-1,777	-659	-1,001	-1,305	-806
Central Government Funding					
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Baseline	-2,328	-2,605	-2,657	-2,710	-2,764
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Growth	-553	-550	-579	-610	-642
Business Rates Retention Scheme - Pooling Benefit	-277	-275	-290	-305	-321
Section 31 Grant	-1,009	-985	-	-	-
Business Rates Collection Fund (-surplus/deficit)	700	908	-	-	-
Total Business Rates Income	-3,467	-3,506	-3,526	-3,625	-3,727
Council Tax - Baseline	-4,003	-4,151	-4,287	-4,423	-4,559
Council Tax - Growth (2.0%)	-	-69	-145	-229	-321
Council Tax - Band D Increase (£5 & 1.99%)	-122	-126	-129	-132	-135
Council Tax Collection Fund (-surplus/deficit)	-22	-20	-	-	-
Total Council Tax Income	-4,147	-4,366	-4,561	-4,784	-5,015
New Homes Bonus additional income above current budget	-1,097	-1,029	-572	-270	-84
Planned use of Ear Marked Reserves	-1,386	-729	-	-	-
Total On going Funding available	-10,628	-9,630	-8,659	-8,679	-8,826
Total Funding including the one off use of reserves from previous years	-12,405	-10,289	-9,660	-9,984	-9,632
Additional savings needed to balance budget/additional use of reserves (+) or reduced need for reserves (-)	-1,346	342	304	-500	-30
Original Cumulative Total Savings needed:	431	1,001	1,305	806	776
Changes as a result of in year Budget Monitoring	228	-	-	-	-
Revised Cumulative Total Savings needed:	659	1,001	1,305	806	776
General Fund Reserves as at 1st April	-3,155	-3,039	-2,038	-733	73
Less used to fund annual base shortfalls	659	1,001	1,305	806	776
Transfers from Earmarked Reserves	-543	-	-	-	-
Total revised General Fund Balance	-3,039	-2,038	-733	73	848

12. ORDER CREATING WELLINGBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

The annexed circulated report of the managing director was received to seek approval to the order creating Wellingborough Town Council.

Appended to the report were the following:

- Appendix A: Reorganisation order creating the parish of Wellingborough and Wellingborough Town Council;
- Appendix B: Map of the new parish of Wellingborough.

The leader presented the report and thanked the electoral services team leader for the work undertaken in bringing the report to council. Members discussed whether areas of Finedon and Great Harrowden parishes should be included in the new parish of Wellingborough to ensure that the sustainable urban extensions would not be excluded from the new parished area and it was agreed that this was a sensible way forward.

Members briefly discussed the options for the role of the town council and it was agreed that this would need further consideration in the future.

The leader also suggested that a 'drop-in' session be arranged during the summer by the electoral services team to look at the future maps and boundaries compared to the existing ones.

RESOLVED that approval be given to the making of the reorganisation order.

13. PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – JOINT COMMITTEE AND STRUCTURAL CHANGE ORDER

The annexed circulated report of the managing director was received to agree the proposed governance arrangements that are envisaged for North Northamptonshire during the transitional period up to 'Vesting day' should the proposal to replace the existing two tier form of local government in Northamptonshire with two new unitary authorities be agreed by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

The managing director commented on some updates to the report as follows:

- 6.12 to read '.....the new unitary authority be a district council with county functions';
- Appendix 1 item 8 to read 'North' Steering Group;
- Appendix 2 fourth table, third column to read 2021/22;

Appended to the report were the following:

- Appendix 1: terms of reference for the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee;
- Appendix 2: summary of North Northamptonshire preferences within the structural change order (SCO)

The report detailed the structural change order which would be agreed by both Houses of Parliament and which would set out the basic governance and operating principles for the shadow authority and subsequent unitary council. This document would be drafted by government officials, though it is considered prudent for the councils to influence the content thereof.

It is proposed that the name of the new council in this area would be North Northamptonshire Council. The report also detailed the choice of transition model, the type of new authority, timetable for establishment, the style of governance for the shadow authority and functions and duties, the date for elections, financial control of existing councils spending and joint committee arrangements.

Councillor Emerson congratulated and thanked the leader for the stand he had taken in relation to the number of seats to be allocated to the county council on the proposed joint committee, which had been both important and admirable. He also concurred that the committee style of governance be adopted.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) approval be given to the proposed governance arrangements for North Northamptonshire Council for the transitional period leading up to the establishment of a shadow authority, should the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government agree to the proposal submitted in August 2018 for two new unitary authorities covering North and West Northamptonshire;
- (ii) approval be given to elements of preference for the structural change order for North Northamptonshire should this be approved as above.

14. CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE DIRECTION OF THE MAYOR OR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

There being no further business the mayor closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

Mayor

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm

