

Cabinet Decision Statement for meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2018

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Item	Topic	Resolutions	Action to be taken by
03.	Minutes of the meeting held in public on 13 November 2018	RESOLVED: The minutes of meeting held in public on 13 November 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record.	Barbel Gale
06.	Report by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Scrutiny of Children First Northamptonshire	<p>RESOLVED That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted that the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is reassured that Children First Northamptonshire is taking action to understand and address children’s services budget pressures, although the Committee remains concerned about how this may affect the outcomes delivered. 2) Agreed to consider the potential to take further action to enhance access to information about fostering and adoption in Northamptonshire, on an invest-to-save basis. 3) Agreed that written responses to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee’s recommendations above be provided in accordance with the process set out in paragraph 5.2 of this report. 	Councillor Perry Sharon Muldoon
07.	The Draft Revenue Budget Report for 2019-20	<p>RESOLVED That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the 2019-20 Draft Budget, for the purposes of consultation, which includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. an estimated net revenue budget of £411.08m ii. a Band D Council Tax of £1,212.55, and an increase of 2.99% from 2018-19. iii. savings proposals as set out in Appendix E. iv. fees and charges at Appendix C and detailed schedule at Appendix D v. the planned utilisation of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) for 2019-20 pending the final DSG settlement b) Noted the forecast medium term financial position 2019-20 to 2022/23 at Appendix A c) Noted the Fees and Charges Policy Appendix B 	Iain Jenkins Ian Duncan

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08.	Monthly revenue monitoring report for the financial year ending 31st March 2019, as at period 7	RESOLVED That Cabinet: 1) Noted the forecast outturn position for 2018-19, and associated risks. 2) Noted the risk assessment of 2018-19 saving proposals in Appendix A. 3) Noted the inclusion of the 2018-19 Stabilisation Plan savings proposals.	Iain Jenkins Ian Duncan
09.	Monthly Capital Report (MCR) – Forecast Outturn for the financial year ending 31 March 2019 as at 31 st October 2018 (Period 7)	RESOLVED That Cabinet: 1. Noted the forecast capital expenditure of £104m for 2018-19. 2. Approved and recommend the inclusion of four new schemes in the capital programme with investment totalling £7,279k: i. Saxon Court Lift - £75k ii. Healthy Pupil Capital Fund - £282k iii. Eleanor Lodge - £150k iv. Local Highways Maintenance - £6,772k 3. Approved capital investment totalling £120k to promote one scheme from the Development Pool included in the Capital Strategy 2018-19: i. Magdalen College School Further detail on the above schemes can be found in Section 9.	Andrea Devereux Ian Duncan
10.	Quarterly corporate report on performance – Period Two	RESOLVED That Cabinet: 1. noted the contents of the 2018-19 Quarter 2 performance report at Appendix A; and 2. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Performance, Transformation & Local Government Reform to review the format of the report and improve its clarity, taking into account comments made at the current meeting.	Richard Corless Theresa Grant
11.	Corporate Travel and Accommodation contract	RESOLVED That Cabinet:	Matt Griffiths Ian Duncan

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🔑		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awarded the travel and accommodation contract for 4 years, expiring on 30/11/2022. 2. Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, for LGSS Procurement, on behalf of the Authority, to direct award through an existing public sector framework, securing travel and accommodation arrangements, which will then be used on a corporate basis. 	
12.	Funding Decision and Consultation Outcomes for Sensory Impairment Services	RESOLVED Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the outcomes of the consultation process on the proposals set out in this report. 2. Agreed the decision to continue the services and funding for a further 12 months in 2019-20 subject to the improvements listed. 3. Noted the need for a further and wider review of prevention and wellbeing contracts and intention to move to outcome based contracts in future as part of wider Local Government Reform. 	Bernie Lally Anna Earnshaw
13.	School and Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Funding Arrangements for 2019/20	RESOLVED That Cabinet: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the latest position with the Government's National Funding Formula for the Dedicated Schools Grant funding blocks (Schools, Central Services Schools Block, Early Years and High Needs) and the potential implications on Northamptonshire. 2. Delegated authority to the Director for Children's services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's services, and the Director of Finance (S151 Officer) following consultation with the Schools Forum to determine: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The 2019/20 school funding formula for Northamptonshire to enable the required submission to the Education and Skills Funding Agency in January 2019; 	Bob Seaman Alison Shipley

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		<p>b) Northamptonshire’s funding arrangements for 2019/20 for pupils with high needs in line with Department for Education guidance; and</p> <p>c) Northamptonshire’s funding arrangements for 2019/20 for the Early Years Single Funding Formulae in line with Department for Education guidance.</p> <p>3. Noted the work being undertaken in conjunction with Schools Forum, schools and other relevant providers to consult with: Primary and secondary schools on:</p> <p>a) Options for the Northamptonshire local schools formula in 2019/20;</p> <p>b) Top slicing the DSG schools block by 0.5% to move funding to the high needs block to cover increasing pressures</p> <p>c) An alternative approach regarding permanent exclusions given the increasing numbers of such exclusions and the increasing costs leading to a projected overspend on this area of £1.4 million in 2018/19.</p> <p>Early Years providers on:</p> <p>d) Revisions to the Early Years Single Funding formula in 2019/20; and</p> <p>e) Early Years DSG funded central expenditure in 2019/20.</p>	
14.	Libraries Review	RESOLVED That Cabinet noted the new library proposals and approved the commencement of the consultation process.	Chloe Gay Lucy Wightman