

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 2 March 2020

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:-

Dudley Hughes
Helen Howell
Steven North

(Chairman of the Council
(Vice-Chairman of the Council)
(Leader of the Council)

Rosalie Beattie
David Brackenbury
Wendy Brackenbury
Val Carter
Annabel De Capell Brooke
John Farrar
Richard Gell
Roger Glithero
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith
Helen Harrison
Sylvia Hughes
Bert Jackson
Barbara Jenney
David Jenney
Richard Lewis

Dorothy Maxwell
Andrew Mercer
Gillian Mercer
Harriet Pentland
Janet Pinnock
Ronald Pinnock
Rupert Reichhold
Geoff Shacklock
Alex Smith
Phillip Stearn
Peter Tomas
Jake Vowles
Peter Wathen
Lee Wilkes
Colin Wright

433. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Boto, Sylvia Hobbs, Marian Hollomon, Lance Jones, Sarah Peacock, Roger Powell and Robin Wood.

434. MINUTES

The minutes of the council meeting held on 27 January 2020 were agreed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Following approval of the amendment to the minutes, they were duly signed by the Chairman.

435. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman invited those who wished to do so to declare any interests in respect of items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were made.

436. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman informed members that his recent Tapas Evening event had sold out and been a real success. He also thanked members for attending his Civic Service on 1 March 2020, held at St John's Church, Chelveston, with over 150 people in attendance, the theme for which had been about helping young people.

The Chairman also reminded members of his forthcoming civic event, which was a musical evening with Doctor Busker, at Saxon Hall, Raunds at 7.30pm on 21st March 2020.

437. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The Chief Executive had no announcements to make.

438. LEADER'S ADDRESS

The Leader of the Council made the following address to Council:-

Good evening Chairman, Members.

As you are aware the Structural Changes Order has now gone through so this is the last time as a council we will set a budget, agree council tax levels, and agree a Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).

We are once again in a time of uncertainty regarding funding, as a lot of national issues (as laid out in the MTFS) were delayed and rolled over due to the general election. I will not go into these as the Section 151 Officer will go into these in some detail shortly.

However for this tier of local government it seems reasonably clear that the funding to deliver local services has to be raised locally. This is through a combination of growth, housing, business, investment and council tax. Again the MTFS and other papers go through that in detail.

Of course this has been the case for a long time with the gradual reduction in revenue support grant. During this time we have delivered unprecedented economic growth with the developments of Rushden Lakes, Wharf Park, to name just a few. We have also delivered high housing growth which as well as having provided needed homes, has given us New Homes Bonus, half of which we have put aside and which has enabled us to invest in things like the Enterprise Centre and the Community Facilities Fund (CFF).

In relation to the CFF I am please to announce we have had a tremendous response to round 8 and we shall be going through those in a couple of days. When completed we will have spent nearly £3m and supported hundreds of projects across the District.

With all the economic constraints placed upon us we can be proud. We have, by making efficiencies and with officers and members working together, still delivered (without making cuts) quality services to the public, whether that be a weekly waste collection, our leisure provision, and all the things we do day by day.

We have always been prudent on council tax, and will go out being one of the lowest in the county. As per usual tonight there are a number of options around council tax levels. The MTFS has assumed a 0% increase and we can set a balanced budget. However there is a lot of uncertainty around funding at the moment, as our S151 officer will go through and we

do have to keep one eye on the future, as well as delivering our legacy projects. On that basis I shall be putting forward a proposal later this evening.

Thank you.

439. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(a) Governance and Audit – 29 January 2020

The report of the above Committee, presented by its Chairman, Councillor Peter Wathen, was received.

(b) Planning Management – 30 January, 12 February and 26 February 2020

The reports of the above Committee, presented by its Chairman, Councillor Phillip Stearn, were received.

(c) Joint Standards Complaints – 19 February 2020

The report of the above Committee, presented by its Vice-Chairman, Gillian Mercer, was received.

(d) Policy and Resources – 24 February 2020

The report of the above Committee, presented by its Chairman, Councillor Richard Lewis, was received.

It was noted that consideration of the budget recommendations to Council relating to the receipt of the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee would be considered below [items 7(b) - 7(d) of the agenda for the meeting.]

440. BUDGET 2020/21

(a) Robustness of Budget Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which advised the Council on the robustness of the estimates in the budget and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves before recommending to Council the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/25, Capital Strategy, the Revenue Budget for 2020/21, Capital Programme 2020/30, Reserves levels, Capital Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21.

Based on the assumptions made in the Council's Budget 2020/21 and MTFs 2020/25 for income and expenditure, the Chief Finance Officer considered that the Council could set a balanced budget for 2020/21. However, there were a number of risks, the most significant being the uncertainty over the future of local government funding, local government reform in Northamptonshire, and delivery of the Enterprise Centre and its operating position.

Members' attention was also drawn to the CIPFA Financial Management Code which would apply to all local authorities with early implementation expected to begin from 1 April 2020 and full compliance required by 1 April 2021. In the coming months the council would reflect on its position against the standards and build awareness across the organisation ahead of ongoing implementation ahead of the 1 April 2021 deadline.

In concluding his report, the Chief Finance Officer considered that provided the Council carefully considered and acted upon the analysis in the report, and officers robustly managed the implementation of the Revenue and Capital Budgets, a positive opinion could be given under Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 on the robustness of budget estimates and the level of reserves.

The Leader of the Council then proposed a motion:

“

- (a) That Council notes the S151 Officer's opinion set out in Section 11 of the report and confirms it has carefully considered the content of this report prior to recommending the approval of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/25, the Revenue Budget for 2020/21, Capital Strategy, Capital Programme 2020/30 and Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21.

- (b) That Council recognises the work undertaken over recent years to ensure the Council has a balanced budget and is in a good financial position to face the medium term uncertainties.”

With the motion having being seconded by the Deputy Leader, a recorded vote took place in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 16.7 as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Rosalie Beattie, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Val Carter, Annabel De Capell Brooke, John Farrar, Richard Gell, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, Dudley Hughes, Sylvia Hughes, Bert Jackson, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Richard Lewis, Dorothy Maxwell, Andrew Mercer, Gillian Mercer, Steven North, Harriet Pentland, Janet Pinnock, Ron Pinnock, Rupert Reichhold, Geoff Shacklock, Alex Smith, Phillip Stearn, Peter Tomas, Jake Vowles, Peter Wathen, Lee Wilkes, Colin Wright (33)

AGAINST THE MOTION

None

ABSTENSIONS

None

The motion was thereupon declared **CARRIED** and it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council notes the S151 Officer's opinion set out in Section 11 of the report and confirms it has carefully considered the content of this report prior to recommending the approval of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/25, the Revenue Budget for 2020/21, Capital Strategy, Capital Programme 2020/30 and Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21.

(Reason: To ensure the Council complies with statute in setting its Budget.)

- (b) That Council recognises the work undertaken over recent years to ensure the Council has a balanced budget and is in a good financial position to face the medium term uncertainties.”

(Reason: To ensure the Council has a stable and sustainable Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan)

(b) Medium Term Financial Strategy and Plan

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report setting out the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS), which outlined the Revenue Budget 2020/21, Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2029/30, Reserves Forecast 2020/21, Fees and Charges 2020/21 and Commercialisation Strategy 2020/21.

A number of key points in relation to the MTFS were highlighted:

- The Structural Changes Order to approve the unitary council restructure had been passed by Parliament on 14 February 2020. Whilst this meant the Council would cease to exist from 1 April 2021, the basis for the preparation of robust council and service area budgets was the same as in previous years, whilst also recognising the expected forecast costs of the move to Unitary in the reserves forecast;
- Final local government financial settlement figures had been received on 6 February 2020 which represented a 'roll-forward' of the 2019/20 settlement, with more significant reforms to be delayed until 2020/21, including significant changes to the New Homes bonus and a full reset of business rates retention baselines;
- An estimated pay award for 2020/21 of 2% had been included in the budget;
- Should a decision be made to raise council tax by the maximum £5 a year for a Band D property, this would raise an additional £160k overall;
- In line with current and future service planning, compared to the initial draft budget, £416k had been brought forward from the 2021/22 development pool and £536.5k added to the development pool for 2020/21.

The Chairman welcomed the work undertaken by the Chief Finance Officer and his Finance Team in developing the MTFS, in what would be the last budget process undertaken by the Council.

In noting that an addendum to agenda item 7(b) had been circulated to Council as well as a revised MTFS summary taking into account a £5 increase in Council Tax (attached as Appendix 1 to these minutes) the Leader of the Council proposed a motion:

"That Council sets a Council Tax Requirement of £4,804,368 for 2020/21, resulting in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £148.65 for 2020/21, based on a £5 increase (3.48%) and approves the following as part of the budget setting process:

- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020/21-2024-25
- Revenue Budget 2020/21
- Approved Capital Programme for 2020/21
- Minimum level of Reserves and Earmarked Reserves 2020/21-2024-25
- Fees and Charges 2020/21
- Commercialisation Strategy 2020/21"

With the motion having being seconded by the Deputy Leader, a recorded vote took place in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 16.7 as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Rosalie Beattie, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Val Carter, Annabel De Capell Brooke, John Farrar, Richard Gell, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, Dudley Hughes, Sylvia Hughes, Bert Jackson, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Richard Lewis, Dorothy Maxwell, Andrew Mercer, Gillian Mercer, Steven North, Harriet Pentland, Janet Pinnock, Ron Pinnock, Rupert Reichhold, Geoff Shacklock, Alex Smith, Phillip Stearn, Peter Tomas, Jake Vowles, Peter Wathen, Lee Wilkes, Colin Wright (33)

AGAINST THE MOTION

None

ABSTENSIONS

None

The motion was thereupon declared **CARRIED** and it was

RESOLVED:

That Council sets a Council Tax Requirement of £4,804,368 for 2020/21, resulting in an average Band D Council Tax figure of £148.65 for 2020/21, based on a £5 increase (3.48%) and approves the following as part of the budget setting process:

- Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2020/21-2024-25
- Revenue Budget 2020/21
- Approved Capital Programme for 2020/21
- Minimum level of Reserves and Earmarked Reserves 2020/21-2024-25
- Fees and Charges 2020/21
- Commercialisation Strategy 2020/21

(Reason: To ensure that the council complies with its constitution in setting its Budget)

(c) Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2020/21

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which set out the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2020/21.

The Leader of the Council proposed a motion:

“That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2020/21 be approved.”

With the motion having being seconded by the Deputy Leader, a recorded vote took place in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 16.7 as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Rosalie Beattie, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Val Carter, Annabel De Capell Brooke, John Farrar, Richard Gell, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, Dudley Hughes, Sylvia Hughes, Bert Jackson, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Richard Lewis, Dorothy Maxwell, Andrew Mercer, Gillian Mercer, Steven North, Harriet Pentland, Janet Pinnock, Ron Pinnock, Rupert Reichhold, Geoff Shacklock, Alex Smith, Phillip Stearn, Peter Tomas, Jake Vowles, Peter Wathen, Lee Wilkes, Colin Wright (33)

AGAINST THE MOTION

None

ABSTENSIONS

None

The motion was thereupon declared **CARRIED** and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2020/21 be approved.

(Reason: In accordance with CIPFA guidance and best practice in Treasury Management.)

(d) Capital Strategy 2020/21

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which set out the Capital Strategy 2020/21.

The Leader of the Council proposed a motion:

“That the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 be approved.”

With the motion having being seconded by the Deputy Leader, a recorded vote took place in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 16.7 as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Rosalie Beattie, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Val Carter, Annabel De Capell Brooke, John Farrar, Richard Gell, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, Dudley Hughes, Sylvia Hughes, Bert Jackson, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Richard Lewis, Dorothy Maxwell, Andrew Mercer, Gillian Mercer, Steven North, Harriet Pentland, Janet Pinnock, Ron Pinnock, Rupert Reichhold, Geoff Shacklock, Alex Smith, Phillip Stearn, Peter Tomas, Jake Vowles, Peter Wathen, Lee Wilkes, Colin Wright (33)

AGAINST THE MOTION

None

ABSTENSIONS

None

The motion was thereupon declared **CARRIED** and it was

RESOLVED:

That the Capital Strategy for 2020/21 be approved.

(Reason: In accordance with CIPFA guidance and best practice in Treasury Management.)

- (e) To set and approve the Council Tax Requirement for the District for the year beginning 1 April 2020, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended.**

The Chief Finance Officer presented a report which set out the Council Tax Requirement for the District, based on the agreed MTFs. It was noted that a varied report for 7e had been circulated, based on an East Northamptonshire council tax band D increase of £5, which had now been approved.

The Leader of the Council proposed the Council Tax resolution, set out at Appendix 1 of the varied report, incorporating the precepts of Northamptonshire County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and town and parish councils, as well as that of East Northamptonshire Council.

With the motion having being seconded by the Deputy Leader, a recorded vote took place in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendments) Regulations 2014 and Council Procedure Rule 16.7 as follows:-

FOR THE MOTION

Councillors Rosalie Beattie, David Brackenbury, Wendy Brackenbury, Val Carter, Annabel De Capell Brooke, John Farrar, Richard Gell, Roger Glithero JP, Glenvil Greenwood-Smith, Helen Harrison, Helen Howell, Dudley Hughes, Sylvia Hughes, Bert Jackson, Barbara Jenney, David Jenney, Richard Lewis, Dorothy Maxwell, Andrew Mercer, Gillian Mercer, Steven North, Harriet Pentland, Janet Pinnock, Ron Pinnock, Rupert Reichhold, Geoff Shacklock, Alex Smith, Phillip Stearn, Peter Tomas, Jake Vowles, Peter Wathen, Lee Wilkes, Colin Wright (33)

AGAINST THE MOTION

None

ABSTENSIONS

None

The motion was thereupon declared **CARRIED** and it was

RESOLVED:

Council Tax Resolution

1) That it be noted that at its meeting on 2nd March 2020 the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):-

(a) For the whole Council area as 32,320 (Item T in the formula in Section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the 'Act')) and

<u>Parish of</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>	<u>Parish of</u>	<u>Tax Base</u>
Aldwinkle	161	Lilford cum Wigsthorpe	59
Apethorpe	91	Little Addington	143
Ashton	120	Lowick & Slipton	134
Barnwell	180	Luddington	32
Benefield	176	Lutton	69
Blatherwycke	22	Nassington	359
Brigstock	538	Newton Bromswold	31
Bulwick	81	Oundle	2,256
Chelveston cum Caldecott	212	Pilton	30
Clopton	63	Polebrook	197
Collyweston	219	Raunds	3,234
Cotterstock	86	Ringstead	491
Deene	28	Rushden	9,902
Deenethorpe	75	Southwick	74
Denford	137	Stanwick	700
Duddington	79	Stoke Doyle	42
Easton-on-the-Hill	461	Sudborough	100
Fineshade	18	Tansor	103
Fotheringhay	70	Thorpe Achurch	77
Glaphthorn	151	Thrapston	2,423
Great Addington	132	Thurning	52
Hargrave	113	Titchmarsh	241
Harringworth	137	Twywell	81
Hemington	46	Wadenhoe	60
Higham Ferrers	2,901	Wakerley	40
Irthlingborough	2,746	Warmington	432
Islip	292	Woodford	497
King's Cliffe	615	Woodnewton	229
Laxton	64	Yarwell	215

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate (Tax base for parish).

2) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2020/2021 in accordance with Sections 30 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the Act):

- (a) £39,511,463 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (2) (a) to (e) of the Act including appropriation to reserves. *(Gross expenditure, parish expenses, any contingencies, any provision for reserves.)*
- (b) £22,200,119 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3) (a) to (c) of the Act including appropriation from reserves. *(Gross income, any use of reserves.)*
- (c) £17,311,344 being the amount by which the aggregate at 2 (a) above exceeds the aggregate at 2 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32 (4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year. *(Expenditure less income = net expenditure/budget requirement)*
- (d) £8,479,090 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non domestic rates, revenue support grant, additional grant or relevant special grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the directions under section 98 (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. *(Business Rates, Government grant, relevant special grant, any surplus or deficit from council tax collected.)*
- (e) £273.28 being the amount at 2 (c) above less the amount at 2 (d) above, all divided by the amount at 1 (a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year. *(Net expenditure including parish precepts, less Business Rates, grant etc., divided by tax base = an average council tax which includes parishes.)*
- (f) £4,027,849 being the aggregate amount of the special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act. *(Total amount of parish precepts.)*
- (g) £148.65 being the amount at 2 (e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 2 (f) above by the amount at 1 (a) 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 special item relates. *(This Council's own Council Tax at Band D.)*

(h) **Part of the Council's area**

	£		£
Aldwincle	212.12	Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	182.97
Apethorpe	165.17	Little Addington	232.69
Ashton	210.19	Lowick & Slipton	193.95
Barnwell	205.78	Lutton	163.11
Benefield	188.31	Nassington	287.41
Brigstock	204.36	Oundle	367.87
Bulwick	178.59	Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	188.62
Chelveston cum Caldecott	200.57	Polebrook	189.30
Collyweston	261.10	Raunds	303.59
Deene & Deenethorpe	245.28	Ringstead	294.22
Denford	192.37	Rushden	260.41
Duddington with Fineshade	246.44	Stanwick	250.93
Easton-on-the-Hill	219.83	Sudborough	248.34
Glaphthorn	239.83	Thrapston	301.86
Great Addington	218.56	Titchmarsh	206.87
Hargrave	210.85	Twywell	225.93
Harringworth	193.83	Warmington	310.27
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	171.66	Woodford	189.92
Higham Ferrers	300.32	Woodnewton	215.17
Irthlingborough	323.69	Yarwell	221.78
Islip	229.12	Other	148.65
Kings Cliffe	192.55		

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 2 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1 (b) 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 parts of its area to which one or more special item relates. *(Council Tax at Band D for those parishes that have issued a precept added to this Council's council tax.)*

(i) Part of the Council's area

Valuation Bands

Parish of	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aldwincle	141.41	164.99	188.55	212.12	259.25	306.40	353.53	424.24
Apethorpe	110.11	128.47	146.81	165.17	201.87	238.58	275.28	330.34
Ashton	140.13	163.48	186.83	210.19	256.90	303.61	350.32	420.38
Barnwell	137.19	160.05	182.91	205.78	251.51	297.24	342.97	411.56
Benefield	125.54	146.47	167.38	188.31	230.15	272.01	313.85	376.62
Brigstock	136.24	158.95	181.65	204.36	249.77	295.19	340.60	408.72
Bulwick	117.73	137.35	156.97	176.59	215.83	255.08	294.32	353.18
Chelveston cum Caldecott	133.71	156.00	178.28	200.57	245.14	289.72	334.28	401.14
Collyweston	174.07	203.08	232.09	261.10	319.12	377.15	435.17	522.20
Deene & Deenethorpe	163.52	190.78	218.02	245.28	299.78	354.30	408.80	490.56
Denford	128.25	149.62	170.99	192.37	235.12	277.87	320.62	384.74
Duddington with Fineshade	164.29	191.68	219.05	246.44	301.20	355.97	410.73	492.88
Easton-on-the-Hill	146.55	170.98	195.40	219.83	268.68	317.54	366.38	439.66
Glapthorn	159.89	186.54	213.18	239.83	293.12	346.42	399.72	479.66
Great Addington	145.71	169.99	194.27	218.56	267.13	315.70	364.27	437.12
Hargrave	140.57	164.00	187.42	210.85	257.70	304.56	351.42	421.70
Harringworth	129.22	150.76	172.29	193.83	236.90	279.98	323.05	387.66
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	114.44	133.52	152.58	171.66	209.80	247.96	286.10	343.32
Higham Ferrers	200.21	233.59	266.95	300.32	367.05	433.80	500.53	600.64
Irthlingborough	215.79	251.76	287.72	323.69	395.62	467.56	539.48	647.38
Islip	152.75	178.21	203.66	229.12	280.03	330.95	381.87	458.24
Kings Cliffe	128.37	149.76	171.15	192.55	235.34	278.13	320.92	385.10
Lilford cum Wigsthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	121.98	142.31	162.64	182.97	223.63	264.29	304.95	365.94
Little Addington	155.13	180.98	206.83	232.69	284.40	336.11	387.82	465.38
Lowick & Slipton	129.30	150.85	172.40	193.95	237.05	280.15	323.25	387.90
Lutton	108.74	126.87	144.98	163.11	199.35	235.61	271.85	326.22
Nassington	191.61	223.54	255.47	287.41	351.28	415.15	479.02	574.82
Oundle	245.25	286.12	326.99	367.87	449.62	531.37	613.12	735.74
Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	125.75	146.71	167.66	188.62	230.53	272.45	314.37	377.24
Polebrook	126.20	147.24	168.28	189.30	231.36	273.44	315.50	378.60
Raunds	202.39	236.13	269.85	303.59	371.05	438.52	505.98	607.18
Ringstead	196.15	228.84	261.53	294.22	359.60	424.99	490.37	588.44
Rushden	173.61	202.54	231.47	260.41	318.28	376.15	434.02	520.82
Stanwick	167.29	195.17	223.05	250.93	306.69	362.46	418.22	501.86
Sudborough	165.56	193.16	220.74	248.34	303.52	358.72	413.90	496.68
Thrapston	201.24	234.78	268.32	301.86	368.94	436.02	503.10	603.72
Titchmarsh	137.91	160.90	183.88	206.87	252.84	298.82	344.78	413.74
Twywell	150.62	175.73	200.82	225.93	276.13	326.35	376.55	451.86
Warmington	206.85	241.32	275.79	310.27	379.22	448.17	517.12	620.54
Woodford	126.61	147.72	168.81	189.92	232.12	274.33	316.53	379.84
Woodnewton	143.45	167.36	191.26	215.17	262.98	310.80	358.62	430.34
Yarwell	147.85	172.50	197.13	221.78	271.06	320.35	369.63	443.56
Other	99.10	115.62	132.13	148.65	181.68	214.72	247.75	297.30

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 2 (g) and 2 (h) 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.)

- 3) That it be noted that for the year 2020/2021 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 dwellings shown below:

Valuation Bands

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northamptonshire County Council (Adult Social Care)	76.29	89.01	101.72	114.44	139.87	165.30	190.73	228.88
Northamptonshire County Council	780.66	910.76	1,040.88	1,170.98	1,431.20	1,691.42	1,951.64	2,341.96
Northamptonshire Police Authority	170.03	198.36	226.70	255.04	311.72	368.39	425.07	510.08
Northamptonshire Fire Authority	41.31	48.20	55.08	61.97	75.74	89.51	103.28	123.94

- 4) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 2 (i) and 3 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30 (2) of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2020/2021 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below: *(Total council tax in each band for each parish.)*

Part of the Council's Area	Valuation Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Aldwincle	1,209.70	1,411.32	1,612.93	1,814.55	2,217.78	2,621.02	3,024.25	3,629.10
Apethorpe	1,178.40	1,374.80	1,571.19	1,767.60	2,160.40	2,553.20	2,946.00	3,535.20
Ashton	1,208.42	1,409.81	1,611.21	1,812.62	2,215.43	2,618.23	3,021.04	3,625.24
Barnwell	1,205.48	1,406.38	1,607.29	1,808.21	2,210.04	2,611.86	3,013.69	3,616.42
Benefield	1,193.83	1,392.80	1,591.76	1,790.74	2,188.68	2,586.63	2,984.57	3,581.48
Brigstock	1,204.53	1,405.28	1,606.03	1,806.79	2,208.30	2,609.81	3,011.32	3,613.58
Bulwick	1,186.02	1,383.68	1,581.35	1,779.02	2,174.36	2,569.70	2,965.04	3,558.04
Chelveston cum Caldecott	1,202.00	1,402.33	1,602.66	1,803.00	2,203.67	2,604.34	3,005.00	3,606.00
Collyweston	1,242.36	1,449.41	1,656.47	1,863.53	2,277.65	2,691.77	3,105.89	3,727.06
Deene & Deenethorpe	1,231.81	1,437.11	1,642.40	1,847.71	2,258.31	2,668.92	3,079.52	3,695.42
Denford	1,196.54	1,395.95	1,595.37	1,794.80	2,193.65	2,592.49	2,991.34	3,589.60
Duddington with Fineshade	1,232.58	1,438.01	1,643.43	1,848.87	2,259.73	2,670.59	3,081.45	3,697.74
Easton-on-the-Hill	1,214.84	1,417.31	1,619.78	1,822.26	2,227.21	2,632.16	3,037.10	3,644.52
Glaphthorn	1,228.18	1,432.87	1,637.56	1,842.26	2,251.65	2,661.04	3,070.44	3,684.52
Great Addington	1,214.00	1,416.32	1,618.65	1,820.99	2,225.66	2,630.32	3,034.99	3,641.98
Hargrave	1,208.86	1,410.33	1,611.80	1,813.28	2,216.23	2,619.18	3,022.14	3,626.56
Harringworth	1,197.51	1,397.09	1,596.67	1,796.26	2,195.43	2,594.60	2,993.77	3,592.52
Hemington, Luddington & Thurning	1,182.73	1,379.85	1,576.96	1,774.09	2,168.33	2,562.58	2,956.82	3,548.18
Higham Ferrers	1,268.50	1,479.92	1,691.33	1,902.75	2,325.58	2,748.42	3,171.25	3,805.50
Irthingborough	1,284.08	1,498.09	1,712.10	1,926.12	2,354.15	2,782.18	3,210.20	3,852.24
Islip	1,221.04	1,424.54	1,628.04	1,831.55	2,238.56	2,645.57	3,052.59	3,663.10
Kings Cliffe	1,196.66	1,396.09	1,595.53	1,794.98	2,193.87	2,592.75	2,991.64	3,589.96
Lilford cum Wigthorpe & Thorpe Achurch	1,190.27	1,388.64	1,587.02	1,785.40	2,182.16	2,578.91	2,975.67	3,570.80
Little Addington	1,223.42	1,427.31	1,631.21	1,835.12	2,242.93	2,650.73	3,058.54	3,670.24
Lowick & Slipton	1,197.59	1,397.18	1,596.78	1,796.38	2,195.58	2,594.77	2,993.97	3,592.76
Lutton	1,177.03	1,373.20	1,569.36	1,765.54	2,157.88	2,550.23	2,942.57	3,531.08
Nassington	1,259.90	1,469.87	1,679.85	1,889.84	2,309.81	2,729.77	3,149.74	3,779.68
Oundle	1,313.54	1,532.45	1,751.37	1,970.30	2,408.15	2,845.99	3,283.84	3,940.60
Pilton, Stoke Doyle & Wadenhoe	1,194.04	1,393.04	1,592.04	1,791.05	2,189.06	2,587.07	2,985.09	3,582.10
Polebrook	1,194.49	1,393.57	1,592.64	1,791.73	2,189.89	2,588.06	2,986.22	3,583.46
Raunds	1,270.68	1,482.46	1,694.23	1,906.02	2,329.58	2,753.14	3,176.70	3,812.04
Ringstead	1,264.44	1,475.17	1,685.91	1,896.65	2,318.13	2,739.61	3,161.09	3,793.30
Rushden	1,241.90	1,448.87	1,655.85	1,862.84	2,276.81	2,690.77	3,104.74	3,725.68
Stanwick	1,235.58	1,441.50	1,647.43	1,853.36	2,265.22	2,677.08	3,088.94	3,706.72
Sudborough	1,233.85	1,439.49	1,645.12	1,850.77	2,262.05	2,673.34	3,084.62	3,701.54
Thrapston	1,269.53	1,481.11	1,692.70	1,904.29	2,327.47	2,750.64	3,173.82	3,808.58
Titchmarsh	1,206.20	1,407.23	1,608.26	1,809.30	2,211.37	2,613.44	3,015.50	3,618.60
Twywell	1,218.91	1,422.06	1,625.20	1,828.36	2,234.66	2,640.97	3,047.27	3,656.72
Warmington	1,275.14	1,487.65	1,700.17	1,912.70	2,337.75	2,762.79	3,187.84	3,825.40
Woodford	1,194.90	1,394.05	1,593.19	1,792.35	2,190.65	2,588.95	2,987.25	3,584.70
Woodnewton	1,211.74	1,413.69	1,615.64	1,817.60	2,221.51	2,625.42	3,029.34	3,635.20
Yarwell	1,216.14	1,418.83	1,621.51	1,824.21	2,229.59	2,634.97	3,040.35	3,648.42
Other areas	1,167.39	1,361.95	1,556.51	1,751.08	2,140.21	2,529.34	2,918.47	3,502.16

- 5) The Council has determined that its relevant basic amount of Council tax for 2020/21 is not excessive in accordance with principles approved under Section 52ZB Local Government Finance Act 1992.
As the billing authority, the Council has not been notified by a major precepting authority that its relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2020/21 is excessive and that the billing authority is not required to hold a referendum in accordance with Section 52ZK Local Government Finance Act 1992.

441. MOTIONS

It was reported that no Notice of Motions had been received under Procedure Rule 11.

442. QUESTIONS

It was reported that no questions had been received under Procedure Rule 10.2.

443. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW FOR DEENE AND DEENETHORPE

The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager presented a report informing Council of the outcome of a review of governance arrangements within Deene and Deenethorpe Parish following a request petition.

The petition had requested that the overall number of councillors be increased from six to seven councillors and that all seven councillors represent the whole of the parish area, rather than current two ward arrangements.

Two separate stages of public consultation had taken place, as per the timetable set out in section 2.1 of the report, to enable any proposed changes to be able to come into force for the parish elections on 7 May 2020.

It was noted that the officer recommendation arising was for the request within the petition to be granted. This would require the existing wards of Deene and Deenthorpe to be removed, leaving a single parish area. No further changes were recommended to community governance arrangements for the area as part of the review.

Subject to Council approval, the next steps were set out in section 5 of the report which involved the drawing up of a reorganisation order in accordance with Section 86(2) and Section 96 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Councillor Glithero, as local ward member, wished to extend his support for the proposals.

RESOLVED:

That Council:

- a) grants the request of petitioners to increase the overall number of councillors from 6 to 7, and that all 7 councillors represent the whole of the parish area, requiring the existing wards of Deene and Deenthorpe to be removed, leaving a single parish area; and
- b) delegates to the Democratic Services Manager the power to draw up and issue the required reorganisation order in accordance with Section 86(2) and Section 96 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

[Reason: to fulfil the Council's responsibility to undertake a community governance review and to implement the changes requested by local residents]

Chairman

Appendix 1

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25 - Final Revised for £5 Increase in Council Tax

2019/20		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Budget £		Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £	Budget £
1,870,109	Customer and Community Services	1,926,813	1,933,930	1,965,401	2,010,251	2,055,998
432,539	Economic and Commercial Development	545,578	382,879	208,334	179,036	177,770
3,357,942	Environmental Services	3,630,931	3,755,718	3,883,469	4,014,252	4,148,142
847,621	Information Technology	1,045,951	1,061,642	1,077,646	1,093,971	1,110,622
1,714,611	Resources	1,647,326	1,669,266	1,691,645	1,714,471	1,737,754
1,542,039	Planning Services	1,847,505	1,891,014	1,935,394	1,980,661	2,026,833
1,630,936	Corporate and Democratic Core	1,857,289	1,403,165	1,416,872	1,514,849	1,529,111
11,395,796	Total Service Expenditure	12,501,393	12,097,615	12,178,761	12,507,491	12,786,231
	Other Expenditure/Adjustments					
567,530	Transfer to/(from) Earmarked Reserves	(91,133)	0	0	0	0
1,098,204	Community Projects (New Homes Bonus)	1,023,198	527,148	182,838	0	0
(105,625)	Net Interest Received	(150,000)	(135,000)	(125,000)	(125,000)	(125,000)
1,560,109	Total Other Adjustments	782,065	392,148	57,838	(125,000)	(125,000)
12,955,904	Total Budget Requirement	13,283,458	12,489,762	12,236,599	12,382,491	12,661,231
	Sources of Funding					
(137,526)	Transfer From Collection Fund	(110,034)	0	0	0	0
(2,196,407)	New Homes Bonus	(2,046,395)	(1,054,295)	(365,676)	0	0
0	Revenue Support Grant	(89,834)	(89,834)	(89,834)	(89,834)	(89,834)
0	Rural Services Delivery Grant	0	0	0	0	0
(2,493,376)	Business Rates Retention Baseline	(2,409,920)	(2,409,920)	(2,409,920)	(2,409,920)	(2,409,920)
(3,551,870)	Business Rates Retention Growth	(3,822,907)	(3,973,551)	(4,159,348)	(4,383,528)	(4,612,191)
(8,379,179)	Total Funding	(8,479,090)	(7,527,599)	(7,024,777)	(6,883,281)	(7,111,945)
(4,576,725)	Amount being raised through Council Tax	(4,804,368)	(4,834,098)	(4,863,828)	(4,893,558)	(4,923,288)
31,860	Council Tax Base	32,320	32,520	32,720	32,920	33,120
-143.65	Equivalent Band D Tax	-148.65	-148.65	-148.65	-148.65	-148.65
	Change in Council Tax (£)	0	0	0	0	0
0	(Surplus)/Deficit	0	128,065	347,993	605,652	625,998

TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE

Date: 04 March 2020

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Helen Howell (Chairman)
Harriet Pentland (Vice Chairman)

John Farrar Lance Jones
Roger Glithero Rupert Reichhold
Barbara Jenney Lee Wilkes

444. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Boto, Marian Hollomon, David Jenney, Steven North and Janet Pinnock.

445. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

446. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

447. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

There were no questions submitted under Procedure Rule 10.3.

448. UNITARY UPDATE

The Chief Executive provided a report updating on progress towards the planned implementation of unitary local government in Northamptonshire.

During discussion, the Chief Executive provided further updates on the following:-

- i) The Structural Changes Order had been passed by Parliament on 13 February 2020 which confirmed that existing councils, including East Northamptonshire, would be abolished. Elections to the new unitary councils were scheduled to take place on 7th May 2020, although there was some concern that the developing coronavirus outbreak could impact on the election timetable;
- ii) All Future Northants portfolio holders had provided at least one presentation to the leaders of the eight Northamptonshire councils to set out the 'as is' position in terms of services, resources and to start the process of exploring the options for future delivery;

- iii) A number of Transformation Committee members had visited the Engine Room at One Angel Square, Northampton, as part of tours currently being undertaken and reported that their understanding of unitary programme activity had increased as a result. It was suggested that confirmed candidates for election also be given the opportunity to undertake a tour following close of nominations in April 2020. The Democratic and Electoral Services Manager would raise this with the Programme Team;
- iv) Consultation and engagement strategies had been prepared and would be implemented over the coming weeks and months;
- v) It was noted that the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee was meeting on 5 March 2020, at which included on the agenda would be the final sections of the draft shadow constitution.

RESOLVED:

That the latest unitary update be noted.

(Reason - to keep Members up to date with developments on the implementation of unitary local government in Northamptonshire)

449. OFFICE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (OTP) PHASE 2

The Business Transformation Manager provided an oral report on the progress of the Office Transformation Programme and its associated works. The oral report presented is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

RESOLVED:

That the progress being made on the Office Transformation Programme be noted.

(Reason – to secure the delivery of the OTP.)

450. JOINT WORKING WITH BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH

The Business Analyst reported on progress on joint working with the Borough Council of Wellingborough and also provided an update on progress with Corby Borough Council for joint working on facilities management and property.

The Committee noted that some of the areas of joint working had moved in a new direction due to an increasing pace in local government reform. Examples of this were Democratic and Electoral Services which were now working very closely with each of the four fellow authorities forming the North Northamptonshire unitary council as they focussed on preparedness for the commencement of the Shadow Authority, May elections and other key products.

Members wished to particularly congratulate the progress being made in Land Charges following going live with joint software alongside Borough Council Wellingborough in autumn 2019. This had led to considerable improvements in working methods in the area of plotting methods and standards.

It was also noted that a further area of joint working with the Borough Council of Wellingborough was now being progressed around economic development, with it being proposed to members that this be managed through a service level agreement approach where ENC would receive payments for a range of economic development services, to commence in April 2020.

RESOLVED:

- a) That progress being made on joint working with the Borough Council of Wellingborough and Corby Borough Council be noted;

(Reason – To provide members with oversight of the joint working programmes with Borough Council of Wellingborough and Corby Borough Council).

- b) That the provision of an economic development service to the Borough Council of Wellingborough from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 be approved; and

- c) That delegated authority be granted to the Chief Executive to develop, agree and sign, following consultation with the Leader of the Council, a service level agreement for East Northamptonshire Council to provide the service to the Borough Council of Wellingborough.

(Reason – In accordance with the Council's objectives to develop working arrangements with partner authorities in preparation for the North Northamptonshire unitary council)

Chairman

Verbal Report of the Business Transformation Manager to Transformation Committee on 4 March 2020

The vast majority of work completed since the last committee has been focused on Procurement. Two procurement packages were published on the Welland Procurement Portal on the Mon 10th February, they were:

- OTP Phase 2 - Internal fittings and furnishings (16 documents)
- OTP Phase 2 - Building works (18 documents)

Associated with these documents is a procurement schedule and for the last two weeks we conducting mandatory site visits for all parties interested in either or both packages. We conducted 16 for the Building works and 8 for the Fittings and Furnishings which include several local companies. As the visits have been taking place, all questions not answered in the documentation have been recorded and applicable answers shared via the procurement portal for all companies to see.

In addition to these two procurement packages, the Facilities Management Team will be launching their own package for the work on the Air Handling Unit in the next few days. This will be delivered in parallel and a number of companies who will be tendering a response to the Building Works have also expressed an ability and interest in also responding to the AHU. Albeit these responses will be individually assessed, having a company able to act as one supplier for all three aspects would provide obvious benefits in communications as well as programme and financial management.

The submission deadlines for these packages are the 12th and 16th March and the targeted date for identifying the winning bid is the 30/03/20. These dates are aims and may differ depending on the amount of submissions received. In previous Transformation Committee meetings we've mentioned Councillor involvement. If when the number of responses is known and it still makes numerical sense, the BTT will complete the assessment of the responses against the designated criteria and shortlist each package to three responders. These assessments can then be shared with a small group of volunteer Councillors for their input and assessment before the contract is awarded. This assessment is currently estimated to be needed in the week of the 23rd March with an aim to award on the 30th. There is then an estimated three week transition period to allow companies the opportunity to mobilise and order/obtain products, currently meaning work would start on the 14th April and be completed over a 12-16 week period.

In parallel to this all teams will need to start or ramp up their assessment and disposal of unneeded paperwork and other items. This will be pushed through a corporate communication to be launched later this week.

All Equality and Diversity and Health Impact Assessments for OTP Phase 2, CEEP and Future Northants work streams are at final evaluation stage and the Privacy Impact Assessments are completed and are due to be signed off imminently.

Engagement with all affected parties is ongoing and a specific engagement session in regards to the new staff occurred today. Over 40 ENC Staff members attended a drop in session where the scope of the upcoming works was explained and an invitation was given to help style the new staff room.

All funding associated with CEEP, FN and OTP Phase 2 has been through this Committee, Finance Sub and Budget working group. The only remaining element is for a request to be made to Finance and Performance Sub Committee to draw the various funds from the Development pool into applicable budgets before the contract can be signed. This will require an additional Finance and Performance sub committee sign off.

A pre application planning enquiry has also been submitted by the BTT to clarify that Planning Permission is not needed. The decision made was that although a Planning Application was not needed, Listed Building Consent is needed. All applicable documents have been drafted and a meeting will take place on the 05.03.20 with the Senior Conservation Officer before submission. This will need to be taken to Planning Management Committee for agreement before the work starts on the designated areas.

PLANNING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 11 March 2020

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.00pm

Present

Councillors:	Phillip Stearn	Chairman
	Gill Mercer	Vice Chairman
	Roger Glithero	Geoff Shacklock
	Helen Howell	Alex Smith
	Bert Jackson	Peter Tomas
	Barbara Jenney	Robin Underwood
	Andy Mercer	Lee Wilkes

451. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lance Jones, Harriet Pentland and Ron Pinnock.

452. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

453. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND INFORMAL SITE VISITS

(a) Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Application	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other Interest
Andy Mercer, Gill Mercer, Barbara Jenney, Peter Tomas and Robin Underwood	19/01606/FUL 6 High Street, Rushden	Applicant is known to them on a casual basis		Yes
Geoff Shacklock	18/00945/OUT Land Rear of Nicholas Road, Irthlingborough	Ongoing business relationship with the agent		Yes, left meeting for this application
Roger Glithero	19/01235/OUT OPO512 TL0097, Blatherwycke Road, Kings Cliffe	The speaker for Kings Cliffe Parish Council is known to them		Yes

(b) Informal Site Visits

Councillor Roger Glithero declared that he had visited OPO512 TL0097, Blatherwycke Road, Kings Cliffe on a number of occasions.

454. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

There were no questions under Council Procedure Rule 10.3.

455. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The following people spoke on the items as indicated:

- 18/00945/OUT Land rear of Nicholas Road, Irthlingborough - an objector, Irthlingborough Town Council and a District Councillor
- 19/01235/OUT - OP0512 TL0097, Blatherwycke Road, Kings Cliffe- Kings Cliffe Parish Council and the agent for the applicant
- 19/01606/FUL – 6 High Street, Rushden – the applicant

456. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the planning applications report and representations made by public speakers at the meeting. It was noted that there was additional information on the applications included in the update sheet.

Councillor Geoff Shacklock left the meeting for the following application

(i) 18/00459/OUT Land rear of Nicholas Road, Irthlingborough

The Committee considered an outline application for residential development with public open space and associated infrastructure. Means of access from Nicholas Road, (all matters reserved except access) (resubmission of 17/00696/OUT). The application had been brought before the Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation as it was a major residential development.

The application had been considered by the Committee on 20 November 2019, but had been deferred as it was deemed politically sensitive and could not be dealt with during the parliamentary pre-election (Purdah) period.

During debate on the application, Members expressed their concerns regarding narrow access roads to the site, an existing dangerous junction and the proposed tandem parking for the development which could worsen the current highways issues of the area. Members noted that a highways mitigation plan had not been submitted as part of the application, and that although the applicant had agreed to pay for the cost of any such mitigation works required, Members were concerned that this amount would far exceed the £30,000 estimate provided by the applicant, and jeopardise the viability of the whole development. Members requested that a condition be placed on the application should it be granted, specifying that any highways works be completed prior to any development.

Members also noted that the development site had been known to flood, and that the surrounding area had been flooded at the time of their site visit. Officers advised that four separate professional bodies; the Environment Agency, the Lead Local Flood Authority, Anglian Water and an independent hydrology consultant, had stated that the impact of the development was acceptable in terms of flood risk.

The noise levels from the transformer substation were also a concern, and officers advised that the 4m high double skin fence with acoustic insulation that had been proposed would provide a reduction in sound levels in the mid 20 decibel range. An independent noise consultant had carried out calibration checks at 17 locations across the site and carried out noise modelling based on the worst case scenario, and advised that the applicant had demonstrated with evidence, that the site can be developed for housing whilst meeting sensible acoustic standards. Members were also concerned about the electromagnetic field that would emanate from the site, and officers advised that Public Health England had made no objection to the application.

Members considered the proposal to be an overdevelopment of the site, with some of the plots appearing to be quite small. Officers advised that although there were some smaller plots depicted on the indicative site plan, they were still of sufficient size with adequate garden space.

Members were updated on the recent S288 appeal lodged by ENC in respect of the 5 year housing land supply, and advised that if they were minded to refuse the application, paragraph 2.12 of the officer report must be taken into account.

It was moved and seconded that the application be refused. On being put to the vote, there were 10 votes for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstentions, therefore the Committee agreed to **refuse the application**, contrary to officer recommendation, with the detailed wording of the refusal reasons to be delegated to the Head of Planning Services in conjunction with the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Ward Member.

457. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8.25pm and reconvened at 8.30pm.

Councillor Geoff Shacklock returned to the meeting.

(ii) 19/01235/OUT OP0512 TL0097, Blatherwycke Road, Kings Cliffe

The Committee considered an outline application for proposed residential development of up to 20 affordable homes and 10 market homes, allotments and landscaping (all matters reserved except for access), (resubmission of 17/02426/OUT). The application had been brought before the Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation as it was a major residential development.

Members noted that Kings Cliffe Parish Council had objected to the application as there were inaccuracies and contradictions in the application details that had caused confusion, the Transport Assessment contained incorrect or irrelevant information, with regard to the Rural Exception Status; the effect on the village; contradictions with Local and Neighbour Plans and the emerging Kings Cliffe Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that two letters had been received from nearby residents objecting to the application. It was also noted that the Local Highways Authority had advised that the proposed junction was within 25 metres of an existing vehicular access which was unacceptable.

During debate on the application, Members noted that the Kings Cliffe Neighbourhood Plan had been adopted, and this should be taken into consideration. Concern was raised that if this application was approved, it could lead to other applications being submitted.

It was moved and seconded that the Committee to refuse the application. On being put to the vote, there were 10 votes for the motion, 0 against and 0 abstention, therefore the Committee **agreed to refuse** the application for the following reasons:-

1. The proposal would result in part affordable, part market housing development on unallocated greenfield land outside the defined settlement boundary and on a site which does not relate well to the built form of the village. The applicant states that the proposal is to be considered as a rural exception site, but has not submitted or referred the Local Planning authority to any robust evidence in the form of a Housing Needs Assessment in order to demonstrate that there is a local housing need, or that the proposed development would satisfy locally identified housing needs. Given that the applicant has not put forward a convincing case in favour of the development, the proposal does not accord with Policy 11 2 a), b) and c), and Policy 13 1 a) and d) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, Policy H2 of the Kings Cliffe Neighbourhood Development Plan and Paragraph 12 of the NPPF.
2. The proposed development by reasons of its scale, density and peripheral location would detract from the linear and more diffuse built form along Blatherwycke Road, which is a key transitional area between the very dense built form of the village and the sparsely populated open countryside. The proposal, therefore would fail to conserve and enhance the existing landscape character and the character and appearance of the village. The proposed development would be contrary to Policy 1, Policy 3 a), b) and d), Policy 8 d) and Policy 13 (1) b) and d) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2016, Policy BE1 of the Kings Cliffe Neighbourhood Development Plan and Paragraph 127 of the NPPF.
3. In the absence of a satisfactory unilateral undertaking or any other form of Section 106 legal agreement, the Local Planning authority is not convinced that the infrastructure directly required for the proposed development will be provided and as such the proposal would be contrary to Policy 10 of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy 2016.

458. SUSPENSION OF COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8

At 8.55pm, it was proposed that Council Procedure Rule 8 (Duration of Meeting) be suspended to enable the Committee to continue the business on the agenda. On being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED:

That Council Procedure Rule 8 be suspended to enable the Committee to continue the business on the agenda.

(iii) 19/01606/FUL – 6 High Street, Rushden

The Committee considered an application for a change of use of a first floor shop A1 to residential C3, including associated alteration works and construction of a new external staircase (resubmission of 19/00723/FUL). The application had been brought before the Committee as an objection had been received from Rushden Town Council

Members noted that Rushden Town Council had objected to the application as the parking did not conform to County Council Highway Standards. Whilst the Local Highway Authority did not object to the application they noted the reliance on free public parking which may be subject to change.

During debate on the application, Members acknowledged the lack of parking for the proposed flat, and the existing parking issues in the Town Centre. However, there had never been parking provision for the site and this was common for town centre dwellings.

Members wanted to ensure protection of the building due to its age, and requested that a condition be put in place to ensure that external renovations would be undertaken in a sympathetic manner. Members also requested that a condition regarding lighting in the courtyard and external stairs be put in place, to ensure the security and safety of the residents.

It was moved and seconded that the application be granted. On being put to the vote, there were 10 votes for the motion, 0 against and 1 abstention, therefore the Committee **agreed to grant** the application subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report, and with the following additional conditions:

- Condition to agree a scheme of lighting for the courtyard / external staircase
- Condition to agree external materials used in the development

(iv) 19/01096/EXT – Cowthick Plantation, Stamford Road, Stanion

The Committee considered an outline application for the development of land for employment use (use classes B1/B2 and B3) with ancillary parking, highway infrastructure and engineering works. The application would be determined by Corby Borough Council (CBC). East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) had been consulted as a neighbouring local planning authority. The application had been brought before the Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation as it was a major development.

During debate on the application, Members noted and agreed the content of the officer's report. Members expressed great concern regarding the impact on both the A6116 and A43, and requested that a weight limit be imposed on the A6116, and HGV's be directed to travel along the A43 bypass towards Kettering. Members also requested that an officer attend the Corby Borough Council committee meeting as a speaker, to voice the concerns of ENC.

RESOLVED:

That East Northamptonshire Council strongly objects to the planning application.

The precise wording of ENC's objection letter is to be delegated to the Planning Development Manager and shall be in accordance with the committee report and update:

- with additional reference made regarding concern about flooding impact and pollution to water courses including Harpers Brook and Willow Brook; and
- it shall set out suggested conditions, including traffic routing / restrictions.

It is requested to send an officer to speak at Corby Borough Council's relevant Planning Committee.

Chairman

LICENSING COMMITTEE

Date: 18 March 2020

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: Barbara Jenney (Chairman)
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Tony Boto
Richard Gell
Helen Howell
Bert Jackson

Steven North
Geoff Shacklock
Lee Wilkes

459. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed Councillors Bert Jackson and Lee Wilkes to their first meeting of the Committee.

The Chairman also thanked officers for all of the work they did to support the Committee and a lot of work was also being undertaken in the background on preparations for unitary. Rita Groves was thanked for giving the hard hitting presentation on safeguarding at the meeting of the Council in January.

460. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sylvia Hobbs, Dorothy Maxwell, Andy Mercer, Gill Mercer, Peter Wathen and PC David Bryan.

461. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

462. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

463. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

No questions were submitted.

464. DRUGS DOG OPERATIONS

The Licensing Enforcement Officer gave a verbal report which provided the Committee with an update on a recent drugs dog operation and explanation on how they worked.

A drugs dog operation had been held in November 2019 and had been paid for by Raunds Town Council. The operation involved the Licensing Enforcement Officer (LEO), a police officer, seven special police officers and a dog handler. 15 premises had been visited and there had been 11 stop searches resulting in one seizure. The LEO was required to be in attendance as the police did not have automatic right of entry and had to be allowed in the premises. The operation had generated good media attention and the next operation would be funded by Rushden Town Council.

In response to a question, the LEO confirmed that if a large quantity of drugs was recovered and it was clear that somebody was dealing, then it would be dealt with there and then. If a small amount was recovered, then the person's details would be taken and it would be dealt with later.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal report be noted.

465. UPDATE ON THE CENTRAL LICENSING ADMINISTRATION UNIT

The Licensing Enforcement Officer gave a verbal update on the Central Licensing Administration Unit (CLAU).

The CLAU was shared licensing administration service which had been in operation since 2005. In 2006 it had received an APSE award for best public partnership. There were currently four partners, following the withdrawal of Daventry District Council. It operated from a single site at ENC and therefore achieved economies of scale on overheads, for example accommodation, IT and HR. The unit provided a model of working which was likely to be copied for other services moving into unitary.

The Unit was the first point of contact for applicants and agents and the team provided advice to guide them through the application process. Over the past year it had processed over 2000 applications. Its key tasks included:

- Consultation with responsible authorities
- Production of licences, permits and registrations
- Issue of reminder notifications for renewals
- Administration of fees and annual billing
- Maintenance of licensing public register
- Production of reports to support compliance and enforcement actions

The Unit had recently introduced a number of new processes:

- Animal Welfare Licensing
- Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation
- Split fees – following recent case law
- Integration of taxi licensing into the unit
- Progressing to paper light working

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update be noted.

466. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business because exempt information, as defined under paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 may be disclosed.

467. COURIER FRAUD

The Licensing Enforcement Officer provided a verbal update on courier fraud.

The initiative was run by Northamptonshire Police and other agencies, such as the National Anti Fraud Network. Courier fraud occurred when a fraudster contacted victims, who were usually elderly or vulnerable members of the community, by phoning them and pretending to be a police officer or bank official. Taxi drivers were often used unwittingly by the fraudsters and this subject was now covered as part of the application process and tests.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update be noted.

468. UPDATE REPORT FROM NORTHAMPTONSHIRE POLICE

This item was deferred in the absence of PC David Bryan.

469. REVIEW OF RECENT LICENSING PANELS

The Committee noted the outcome of the Licensing Panels which had recently been held.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

Chairman

PLANNING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date: 23 March 2020

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 6.00pm

Present Councillors: Phillip Stearn Chairman
Roger Glithero Lance Jones
Helen Howell Geoff Shacklock
Bert Jackson Alex Smith
Barbara Jenney Lee Wilkes

470. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Andy Mercer, Gill Mercer, Harriet Pentland, Ron Pinnock, Peter Tomas, Robin Underwood and Peter Wathen.

471. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

472. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND INFORMAL SITE VISITS

(a) Declarations of Interest

Councillor	Application	Nature of Interest	DPI	Other Interest
Roger Glithero	19/02003/ADV Enterprise Centre, Michael Way, Raunds	Is a member of the Enterprise Centre East Northants Working Party.		Yes

(b) Informal Site Visits

Councillor Bert Jackson declared that he had visited Land off Huntingdon and Market Road, Thrapston (19/01392/OUT).

473. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

There were no questions under Council Procedure Rule 10.3.

474. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

The following people spoke on the items as indicated:

- 19/01092/FUL Land West of Rushden Lakes, Ditchford Lane, Rushden - Rushden Town Council, a ward member and the agent for the applicant.
- 19/01392/OUT – Land off Huntingdon and Market Road, Thrapston - the agent for the applicant.

475. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the planning applications report and representations made by public speakers at the meeting. It was noted that there was additional information on the applications included in the update sheet.

(i) 19/01355/OUT Land Between St Christopher's Drive and A605 Oundle Bypass, Oundle

The application was for outline planning permission for the erection of up to 65 dwellings and an extra care facility of up to 65 units on land at St Christopher's Drive, Oundle, with all matters reserved except access.

It was moved and seconded that the application be deferred. On being put to the vote, the Committee **agreed to defer** the application to a future meeting of the Committee.

(ii) 19/01092/FUL Land West of Rushden Lakes, Ditchford Lane, Rushden

The Committee considered a hybrid application which comprised a full application for the erection of retail units, restaurant units, office floorspace, physiotherapy/leisure floorspace, ancillary storage floorspace, (with associated site clearance, earthworks, site levelling and formation of banks) together with proposals for access, footpaths, parking and servicing space, hard and soft landscaping, drainage works, attenuation ponds and other associated works and an outline application for the erection of employment units with some matters reserved (layout, scale, appearance). Plus construction of a new link road between Ditchford Road and Rushden Lakes (with associated site clearance and earthworks), alongside junction works, footpaths, cycleways, lighting, hard and soft landscaping and associated works. (Resubmission of 18/01197/FUL). The application had been brought before the Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation as it was a major development and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES) as it represented Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) development.

The application had been considered by the Committee on 12 February 2020, where it was agreed that the application be reported back with proposed conditions and heads of terms for Members approval.

Members noted that comments on the proposed conditions had been received from Councillors Andy and Gill Mercer. A written submission had also been made by the agent for Corby Town Centre S.A.R.L and Swansgate Property Ltd.

During debate on the application, some Members were still of the view that the development would have a significant impact on Rushden town centre which was significantly greater than that which would be experienced by the other surrounding towns. When the Garden Square application came forward, the independent retail impact consultant had identified a significant adverse impact on Rushden but now they deemed the current application to have no impact. It was proposed that the 'no poach' condition should be replaced by a clause that stipulated that businesses supported by Rushden Living should have an existing presence in Rushden town centre and any new business wishing to set up in Rushden Living should also have a presence of equal standing in Rushden town centre. It was also noted that certain services were now starting to open up at Rushden Lakes, with a dentist and physiotherapy being proposed as part of this application and if these types of services were allowed there should be a restriction on the number allowed to open. The Green Square application agreed a sum of £100,000 to mitigate the adverse impact of that development and it was suggested that a similar amount should be included as part of this application to support town centre businesses. It was welcomed that the proposed number of parking spaces had increased from the original application and it was supported that this new number should be conditioned as a minimum number. Members also supported that the proposed link road should be completed before construction on the development began. It was also noted that Higham Ferrers town centre was in a similar position to Rushden and would benefit from support.

In response, Officers advised that if the Committee were minded to amend the 'no poach' condition then further independent retail advice should be sought. Advice could also be sought on any proposed financial support to Rushden and whether there should be a restriction on the number of services included at the development. Officers did not feel that securing the link road before development would be a reasonable condition, however other options including a construction haul road could be considered.

During this item, the meeting adjourned at 6.40pm and reconvened at 6.50pm, adjourned at 7.00pm and reconvened at 7.03pm and adjourned at 7.06pm and reconvened at 7.10pm to consider the wording of a proposed motion.

It was moved and seconded that:

further retail advice be sought from the Council's retail consultant regarding the proposed conditions/issues raised by Councillor Barbara Jenney and whether a s106 contribution for retail impact mitigation can be sought. The conclusion of these matters shall be delegated to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Barbara Jenney and Ward Members.

officers are to review and amend the construction management condition, to include provision for a construction haul road and Member involvement at discharge condition stage. The final wording of the condition shall be delegated to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Barbara Jenney and Ward Members.

Aside from the above matters:

- Conditions are agreed as per the committee report and update sheet, with the addition of a parking management condition to stipulate management arrangements and minimum parking requirements and secure these in perpetuity, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority;
- Head of terms are agreed as per the committee report and update sheet (subject to the retail advice in relation a potential retail impact mitigation contribution); and

- The reason for approval as set out on the PowerPoint slide presented at the meeting is agreed.

On being put to the vote, there were two votes for the motion, none against and seven abstentions, therefore the motion was carried.

(iii) 19/01392/OUT – Land off Huntingdon and Market Road, Thrapston

The Committee considered an outline application for the erection of a 67 bedroom care home (C2 with associated internal facilities and external car parking, amenity areas (only appearance and landscaping reserved for later approval). The application had been brought before the Committee in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.

Members noted that Thrapston Town Council had not objected to the application subject to suitable provisions being put in place to support the development, the number of parking spaces, accessible parking and the size of the building. It was further noted that twenty one letters objecting to the application had been received from nearby residents. Whilst the Local Highway Authority (LHA) did not object to the application they required that the applicant provide evidence that demonstrated 25 visitors' parking spaces along with 10 spaces for staff was adequate. The LHA also required the applicant delineate the highway boundary across the access with a flush sett kerb.

During debate on the application, Members advised that whilst a care home was welcome they would have preferred a medical centre on the site but that had not proved to be viable.

It was moved and seconded that the application be granted. On being put to the vote, the Committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the satisfactory completion of a Section 106 legal agreement which secures a contribution for mitigation for the impact on local healthcare services by 30 April 2020 (or other agreed date).

If a satisfactory Section 106 legal agreement is not completed within the agreed timeframe, delegation is given to the Head of Planning Services to refuse planning permission. The wording of the reasons for refusal shall be delegated to the Head of Planning Services, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee and the Ward Member.

(iv) 19/01607/VAR – 332 Addington Road, Irthlingborough

The Committee considered an application for the variation of condition 24 (approved drawings) to allow for a redesign to provide 60 care beds grouped into six household units of 10 beds each in line with the latest Care Quality Commission Guidelines pursuant to planning application 15/00376/FUL, demolition of an existing public house for the development of 56 bedroom nursing home.

The application had been considered by the Committee on 12 February 2020, where it was agreed that the application be deferred to enable officers to consider further information.

Members welcomed the much improved design of the building.

It was moved and seconded that the application be granted. On being put to the vote, the Committee agreed to **grant the application**, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and update sheet.

(v) 19/02003/ADV – Enterprise Centre, Michael Way, Raunds

The Committee considered an application for the erection of two externally illuminated building mounted branded signage. The application had been brought before the Committee in the interest of transparency as the applicant was East Northamptonshire Council.

It was moved and seconded that the application be granted. On being put to the vote, the Committee **agreed to grant** the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the officer's report and update sheet.

Chairman