

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Borough of Kettering held at the Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering on 6th March 2019

Present:

Councillor	James Burton (Mayor)	Councillor	David Howes
"	Linda Adams	"	Ian Jelley
"	Duncan Bain	"	Paul Marks
"	Lloyd Bunday	"	Clark Mitchell
"	John Currall	"	Russell Roberts
"	Ash Davies	"	Mark Rowley
"	Mark Dearing	"	Mick Scrimshaw
"	June Derbyshire	"	Jan Smith
"	Maggie Don	"	Shirley Stanton
"	Andrew Dutton	"	Karl Sumpter
"	Ruth Groome	"	Mike Tebbutt
"	Jim Hakewill	"	Kelly Watts
"	Jenny Henson	"	Jonathan West
"	Philip Hollobone		

18.C.116 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cedwien Brown, Mike Brown, Anne Lee, Scott Edwards, Jenny Henson, Cliff Moreton, David Soans, Lesley Thurland and Greg Titcombe.

18.C.117 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

18.C.118 RIGHT TO SPEAK

None

18.C.119 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM – NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE STRUCTURAL CHANGE ORDER PREFERENCES

A report was received which requested that the Council's preferences for the content of the North Northamptonshire Structural Change Order

(SCO) to propose to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government be submitted.

In addition, the report sought approval for any changes to the submitted draft Structural Change Order, as arising from negotiations with Government officials, be delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council where it was not expedient to formally report back to Full Council or the duly appointed Local Government Reform Advisory Committee (LGRAC).

Cllr Mick Scrimshaw proposed an amendment to the SCO preferences in regard to the Electoral Cycle for the new unitary council. The proposed preference was for the next set of elections of the unitary authority to take place in 2025, aligning Town & Parish Council elections in the unitary area to same cycle.

Cllr Scrimshaw proposed that the preference for the next set of elections be set to 2024, it was suggested that the proposed cycle could cause confusion among the electorate and insufficient evidence had been provided to justify the five year cycle.

Following discussion, it having been proposed by Councillor Scrimshaw and seconded by Councillor Mitchell, that the amendment as set out above be approved by Council, a vote was taken as follows:

(For; 8, Against; 17, Not voting; 0)

Therefore the amendment was lost.

It having been proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Jelley, it was

RESOLVED that

- i) the preferences expressed by the Local Government Reform Advisory Committee as outlined in Appendix A to the report be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government; and
- ii) Any changes to the submitted draft Structural Change Order, as arising from negotiations with Government officials, be delegated to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council where not expedient to formally report back to Full Council or duly appointed LGRAC.

(Voting - For; 24, Against; 1, Not voting 0)

18.C.120 **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Council received a report that sought agreement for the establishment and membership of the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee and its Terms of Reference.

It was noted that the timeline supplied as part of the report clearly showed how the establishment of a Joint Committee would progress the work required as part of local government reorganisation in the county.

It having been proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Jelley, it was

RESOLVED that

- i) the establishment of the North Northamptonshire Joint Committee be approved.
- ii) the Terms of Reference for the Committee as set out at Appendix 1 be approved.

(Voting - Unanimous)

18.C.121 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – KETTERING TOWN**

A report was submitted which sought Council approval to commence a Community Governance Review (CGR) in respect of the unparished area of Kettering Town and the adjacent parishes of Cranford, Barton Seagrave and Burton Latimer.

The report was welcomed by members with the proposal receiving strong cross party support.

It having been proposed by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Jelley, it was

RESOLVED that a Community Governance Review be carried out in accordance with the terms of reference attached to the report, with a view to it concluding by December 2019.

(Voting - Unanimous)

(The meeting started at 7.00pm and ended at 7.25pm)

Signed

The Mayor

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