

## BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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<b>Title</b>	<b>CHANGES TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE</b>		

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree an amended terms of reference for the North Northamptonshire (NN) Joint Committee.

### 2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 At its meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Council agreed terms of reference for the Joint Committee for North Northamptonshire, which is charged with creating the conditions in which the Shadow Authority for North Northamptonshire can be established and up and running, in advance of local government reform in 2021.
- 2.2. Originally, it was expected that the Joint Committee would exist for a relatively short time and be superseded by a new Shadow Authority in the autumn of 2019. This timetable arose from the then target date of creating new unitary councils from April 2020.
- 2.3. Since then, the government has said that (subject to the necessary legislation being made) it intends to push back the start date for the new councils to 2021, and that a shadow authority be elected in May 2020. This means that the joint committees will both have a longer life but will also be expected to do more work on the transition.
- 2.4. In light of the above, the existing terms of reference for both joint committees in the county would require revisiting.
- 2.5. The NN Joint Committee set up a task group comprising one member from each of the five outgoing councils to consider new terms of reference and their work was presented to and agreed by the Joint Committee at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> September.
- 2.6. Attached as **Appendix 1** are the proposed new terms of reference shown as highlighted additions and changes to the original. They reflect the provisions of the draft Statutory Change Order, as it is currently written.

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### 3. POLICY AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 No new implications – the Council is required by the Statutory Change Order to co-operate in the creation of the new unitary authorities.

### 4. LEGAL AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council, and all the other councils comprising North Northamptonshire are required to agree any change to the terms of reference for the joint committee for them to have effect.

### 5. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None as a result of this report

### 6. RECOMMENDATION

Council is recommended to agree the new terms of reference as set out in the attached appendix.

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#### Background Papers:

Attached

#### Previous Reports/Minutes:

Council (6<sup>th</sup> March 2019)  
NN Joint Ctte (24<sup>th</sup> June 2019)  
(16<sup>th</sup> September 2019)

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