



WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE

26 March 2019

Report Title	WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE – STANDING ORDERS
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the Standing Orders for the West Northamptonshire Joint Committee (WNJC) and ask the WNJC to note its Standing Orders.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the WNJC:

- 2.1 notes the agreed Standing Orders for the WNJC.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 A “West Northamptonshire Joint Committee” of 16 seats (4 per council) has been established by Northampton Borough Council, South Northamptonshire Council, Daventry District Council and Northamptonshire County Council, effective from 28 February 2019, with delegated functions.

3.2 Issues and Choices

- 3.2.1 A set of draft Terms of Reference for the WNJC was presented to each of the constituent Councils in early 2019. Each of the constituent Councils agreed the draft Terms of Reference which have now therefore become the agreed Terms of Reference for the WNJC.
- 3.2.2 Councils also delegated powers to their respective Monitoring Officers of the constituent Councils of the WNJC to agree a Joint Committee agreement and Standing Orders and Procedures for the WNJC. The Monitoring Officers

following extensive discussions and correspondence have agreed the Joint Committee Agreement, which includes the Standing Orders and Procedures.

3.2.3 It is recommended that the WNJC notes the agreed Standing Orders of the WNJC, which are at Appendix 1.

3.2.4 The agreed Standing Orders for the WNJC could be amended in the future by agreement if considered necessary. For example, this may become necessary if the shadow authority is established later than anticipated, which would mean the lifespan of the WNJC would increase. Amending the Standing Orders would require the agreement of the Monitoring Officers of the constituent Councils of the WNJC.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 There are no specific policy implications arising directly from the recommendation. The recommendation only asks the WNJC to note the Standing Orders which have already been agreed. The recommendation is made pursuant to previous decisions of the constituent Councils relating to potential local government reorganisation and specifically decisions relating to the establishment of the WNJC and the setting of its Standing Orders.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 There are no specific resource implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 Section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and General Power of Competence (GPC) powers under the Localism Act 2011 enable a local authority to enter into arrangements for the discharge of its functions jointly with, or by, one or more other authority. Under Section 102 of the 1972 Act, local authorities are empowered to appoint joint committees to discharge functions of the councils or to advise the councils.

4.3.2 In early 2019, each of the Councils that is a member of the WNJC delegated to the Monitoring Officers of the constituent Councils to agree the Standing Orders for the WNJC.

4.4 Equality and Health

4.4.1 There are no equality and health implications arising directly from this report.

Francis Fernandes
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