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03.	Minutes of the meeting held in public on 10 January 2017	RESOLVED: The minutes of meeting held in public on 10 January 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting.	Jenny Rendall
06.	Scrutiny Review of Draft 2017/18 Council Budget Proposals	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted the headline themes from the Budget Scrutiny Review set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report; 2) Recognised that the Finance & Resources Scrutiny Committee (F&R SC) had confidence in the capacity to deliver the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-009-13 and 16-009-01 (Apprenticeship Levy) • 16-002-04 (Children, Families & Education structural budget deficit for 2017-18) • 16-002-06 (New models of care delivery) • 16-002-07 (Changes to the Leaving Care Policy) • 16-002-08 (Children’s Placement Commissioning Efficiencies) • 16-002-02 (Children’s Services workforce remodelling) • 16-002-10 (Rationalisation of School Improvement Services) • 16-002-03 (First point of contact improvements) • 15-004-19c (Fees and charges – Children, Families & Education) • 16-002-09 (Commercial trading and strategic alliances) • 16-002-04 (Adult Social Care Services financial controls, income and improved debt provision) • 16-001-16 (Adult Social Care Services staffing and effective structural efficiencies) • 13-002-06 (School meals and meals at home services) • 13-009-07 (Project Angel – transition pressure) • 15-0040-19d (Fees and Charges – Place Commissioning) • 15-006-45 (Partnership with Neighbouring Authorities – Place Commissioning) • 16-006-03 (Trading Standards Reduction) 	James Edmunds

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		<p>3) Recognised that F&R SC considered proposal 16-004-01 (Next Generation Working) to be achievable, although the Committee would have preferred the proposal to have identified reductions in specifics budgets that would be made to achieve it;</p> <p>4) Agreed that the efficiency saving from Next Generation Working be allocated to specific budget lines in the interests of supporting effective budget management during 2017/18;</p> <p>5) Recognised that F&R SC considered that savings from community-based working were achievable but that risks associated with partnership working, IT infrastructure and the timing of the proposed saving means that it questioned the ability to achieve the proposed saving from proposal 16-004-06 (Community Hub Review) in 2017/18.</p> <p>6) Recognised that F&R SC was not in a position at this point for each an informed conclusion about the ability to achieve the specific savings identified from proposal 16-004-07 (Unitary Local Government re-organisation);</p> <p>7) Recognised that F&R SC welcomed that no proposed savings from proposal 16-004-07 (Unitary Local Government re-organisation) were identified for the first two years of the Medium Term Financial Plan;</p> <p>8) Recognised that F&R SC supported the inclusion of unitary local government re-organisation in the Medium Term Financial Plan as an area where savings could potentially be generated;</p> <p>9) Agreed that town and parish councils should be engaged at every stage in the development by Northamptonshire County Council of any unitary local government proposal, reflecting those bodies' role in local democracy;</p> <p>10) Recognised that F&R SC noted that there were risks associated with forecasting of future demands for children's services but had</p>	

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		<p>confidence in the capacity to deliver proposal 15-002-15 (Children's Services demographic growth);</p> <p>11) Recognised that F&R SC noted that there were risks associated with the implementation of culture change required by proposal 16-002-01 (Targeted early help service contracts), but had confidence in the capacity to deliver the proposal;</p> <p>12) Recognised that F&R SC welcomed recognition of the structural budget deficit for Adult Social Care Services reflected in proposal 16-001-01 a & b (Structural Budget Deficit for 2017/18);</p> <p>13) Recognised that F&R SC remained concerned about the capacity to deliver Adult Social Care Services within the financial parameters resulting from proposal 16-001-01 a & b (Structural Budget Deficit for 2017/18) in the absence of supporting contingency funding in the draft budget;</p> <p>14) Recognised that F&R SC considered that it was not in a position at this point to reach a conclusion about the robustness of proposal 16-001-01 a & b (Structural Budget Deficit for 2017/18), given the need to meet any outturn pressure that may remain at the end of 2016/17;</p> <p>15) Ensured that it was confident that proposal 10-024-01 (Adult Social Care demographic and prevalence pressures) was based on a sound projection of future demographic change and demand for services before agreeing to recommend it to Full Council'</p> <p>16) Recognised that F&R SC had confidence in the capacity to deliver proposal 16-001-05 (Adult Social Care Services Prevention & Eligibility), whilst acknowledging that it would have a social impact on care home residents that should be managed appropriately;</p> <p>17) Recognised that F&R SC considered that proposal 16-001-07 (Purchasing & Placement Savings) was achievable, whilst</p>	

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		<p>acknowledging that there was a high degree of risk to achieving the total saving involved due to reliance on work with partners progressing as required;</p> <p>18) Recognised that F&R SC had confidence in the capacity to deliver proposal 16-001-17 (Partnerships – Adult Social Care Services) but acknowledged that there was a degree of risk involved due to the need for work with partners to progress as required;</p> <p>19) Recognised that F&R SC welcomed the £4million reduction in the level of saving required from proposal 16-001-18 (Review of Olympus Care Services);</p> <p>20) Recognised that F&R SC questioned the capacity to deliver the full saving required from proposal 16-001-18 (Review of Olympus Care Services) in 2017/18 and took this into account before agreeing to recommend this proposal to full Council;</p> <p>21) Recognised that F&R SC welcomed the withdrawal of proposal 16-008-14 (Third Sector – Voluntary & Community Sector – Support) from the draft budget for further consideration of risks involved;</p> <p>22) Agreed that further consideration of proposal 16-008-14 (Third Sector – Voluntary & Community Sector – Support) should include appropriate dialogue with Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire and Healthwatch Northamptonshire;</p> <p>23) Recognised that F&R SC considered proposal 15-004-19a (Fees and charges – Wellbeing & Prevention) to be achievable whilst acknowledging that there was a small risk involved in it;</p> <p>24) Recognised that F&R SC considered proposal 15-008-13 (First for Wellbeing business case savings) to be achievable in relation to the proposed saving for 2017/18;</p> <p>25) Recognised that F&R SC considered proposal 16-008-15</p>	

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		<p>(Commercial Income Target – Wellbeing & Prevention) to be achievable whilst acknowledging that there was a risk involved in it;</p> <p>26) Recognised that F&R SC questioned the ability to achieve the full saving attributed to proposal 13-009-08b (Property operational savings) in 2017/18 and took this into account before agreeing to recommend the proposal to full Council;</p> <p>27) Recognised that F&R SC was not in a position at this point to comment on the achievability of proposal 16-006-09 (No 1 Angel Square asset exploitation), given that a business plan was still to be produced;</p> <p>28) Recognised that F&R SC had concerns about the impact on the overall Council budget of not achieving the proposed £2million saving from refinancing 1 Angel Square and took this into account before agreeing to recommend proposal 16-006-09 (No 1 Angel Square asset exploitation) to Full Council</p> <p>29) Recognised that F&R SC supported reviewing Home to School Transport and that the Committee considered that this was an area where there was scope for efficiency savings;</p> <p>30) Ensured that it was confident that the potential requirements of the Bus Services Bill did not represent an excessive risk to achieving proposal 13-006-01 (Total Transport – Social Enterprise Model) before agreeing to recommend it to full Council;</p> <p>31) Recognised that F&R SC encouraged the involvement of a wide range of transport providers in the Total Transport project with a view to maximising the benefit that it can produce for Northamptonshire;</p> <p>32) Ensured that it was confident in the level of risk to the future effectiveness of the Technical Rescue function associated with</p>	

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		<p>proposal 15-006-23 (Review of Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue Service) before agreeing to recommend it to full Council; and</p> <p>33) Recognised that F&R SC considered that the Place Joint Venture was an area where savings could be achieved, but was not in a position at this point to comment on the achievability of the proposed saving in 2017/18 for proposal 15-006-44 (Place Joint Venture).</p>	
07. 🔑	Final Budget 2017-18 and Medium Term Plan to 2020-21	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet proposed to Full Council to approve or note as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approved the Final Budget for 2017-18 which set: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A Net Revenue Budget of £416.82million ii) A Council Tax requirement of £273.36million iii) A Band D Council Tax increase of 4.98% including a Social Care Precept of 3% taking Band D from £1,111.25 to £1,166.59 with Band rates A to H and Precept detail in Section 9.16 of the report; b) Approved the Council Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20 as shown in Appendix A to the report; c) Approved the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2017-18 to 2020-21 as summarised in Appendix D to the report; d) Approved the planned utilisation of Dedicated Schools Grant for 2017-18 as shown in Appendix F to the report; e) Approved the Fees and Charges (appendix G to the report); f) Approved the detailed proposals underpinning the MTFP revenue budgets for 2017-18 as set out in Appendix I (1-5) to the report; g) Approved the capital Strategy as shown in Appendix J to the report; h) Approved the treasury Management Strategy Statement 2017-18 as shown in Appendix L to the report which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The Prudential Indicators, including the capital Financing 	Damon Lawrenson Ruth Barnett

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		<p>Requirement of £700million and the Authorised Borrowing requirement of £760million;</p> <p>ii) The Annual Investment Strategy in Appendix L – 5</p> <p>iv) The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy in Appendix L – 4;</p> <p>i) Approved the Flexible use of Capital Receipts for 2016-17 through to 2018-19 (Section 9.9 and 9.10 of the report);</p> <p>j) Delegated authority to the Section 151 Officer for any variation up to £1million as a result of the final settlement to be dealt with through a transfer to or from the general service (Section 9.13.5 of the report);</p> <p>k) Noted the consultation feedback as shown in Appendix B to the report;</p> <p>l) Noted the Equality Impact feedback as shown in Appendix C to the report;</p> <p>m) Noted the Reserve Summary Statement as shown in Appendix H to the report;</p> <p>n) Noted the Asset Utilisation Strategy as shown in Appendix K to the report; and</p> <p>o) Approved the Chief Financial Officer’s Section 25 Report as shown in 20Appendix M to the report.</p>	
08. 🔑	Monthly Financial Report as at the end of December for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 including review of Budget Delivery Proposals:	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted:</p> <p>1) The Council’s financial position; and</p> <p>2) The recommendation to Full Council to approve the additional flexible use of capital receipts within the Final Budget Papers (section 7.1.3 of the report).</p>	Damon Lawrenson Ruth Barnett
09. 🔑	Monthly Capital Report (MCR) as at the end of December 2016 (Period 9) for the financial year ending 31 March 2017:	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet:</p> <p>1) Noted the current capital forecast expenditure outturn of £154million for the financial year 2016-17;</p> <p>2) Approved and recommended the inclusion of three new scheme with investment totalling £1,052,853</p>	Damon Lawrenson Andrea Devereux

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Registration Services IT - £30,000 ii) Early Years Grant Funding - £929,653 iii) Parking Virtual Ticketing - £93,200 3) Approved capital investment totalling £2,111,496 to promote three schemes included in the Capital Strategy 2016-17: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Property Compliance and H&S - £1,180,000 ii) Helmdon Flood Alleviation - £16,496 iii) All Saints CEVA Expansion - £915,000 	
10.	Quarterly Treasury Management Report 2016-17	RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted the Treasury Management Report.	Damon Lawrenson Mike Batty
11.	Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Reform and Local Area Inspection OFSTED	RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted the report in the context of the following, that the Local Authority had to be confident that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) They understood their responsibilities in relation to the SEND reforms and inspection; 2) All staff and elected members who may meet with inspectors had a good understanding of the reforms and what had been achieved so far; and 3) Relevant, identified individuals would attend all pre-inspection meetings. 	Lesley Hagger Alison Shipley
12.	School Funding Arrangements for 2017/18	RESOLVED: That Cabinet noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The work undertaken in conjunction with the Schools Forum and schools to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Introduce into the Northamptonshire schools funding formula in 2017/18 two additional factors – English as an Additional Language (EAL) and Prior Attainment that were allowed factors in the formula as per the DfE, used in the majority of the local authorities and included in the proposed schools national funding formula; and b) To reduce expenditure and realign budgets to fund the current high needs block base overspending of £3.7million; 	Damon Lawrenson Lesley Hagger Bob Seaman

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		2) The decisions made using delegated powers by the Director of Children, Families and Education on the funding formula for Primary and Secondary schools in order for final schools 2017/18 formula budgets to be submitted to the EFA by 20 January deadline; 3) The latest position with the Government's announcements on the National Funding Formula for the DSG funding blocks, Schools, Early Years and High Needs and the potential implications on Northamptonshire schools and academies; and 4) The 2017/18 DSG and related funding announcements, including the changes to the Education Services Grant (ESG).	
13. 🔑	Procurement of Corporate Insurance Programme 2017	RESOLVED that: Cabinet agreed that delegated authority be given to Council's Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the cabinet Member for Finance, to agree and let contracts for the provision of insurance to the Council commencing 1 October 2017 for a period of up to 5 years.	Damon Lawrenson Paul White
14. 🔑	Future Management of Local Growth Fund and Growing Places Fund Responsibilities following the merger of NEP and SEMLEP	RESOLVED that: Cabinet agreed: 1) The proposals outlined in Section 4 to enable the transfer of Local Growth Fund and Growing Places Fund responsibilities to Luton Council and SEMLEP; and 2) Delegated authority be given to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to negotiate and authorise related contracts and agreements.	Paul White

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15. 🔑	The Change of Use of Moray Lodge	<p>WILL BE AN AMENDMENT READ OUT FROM CLLR PARKER</p> <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approved the change of use of Moray Lodge to deliver services to support people who suffer from ABI (Acquired Brain Injury) and mental health conditions; 2) Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director Place Commissioning and the Corporate Director of People Commissioning in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care Services, to commission a detailed Business Case; and 3) Acknowledged that a detailed business case would be submitted to a future Cabinet outlining a recommended way forward and next steps. 	Anna Earnshaw Lauren Humber
16. 🔑	Framework for Commissioning Children's Services	<p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The proposals for an open framework for the purchase of specific interventions for children and families; and 2) That delegated authority be given to the Director for Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, to make the decisions required to implement these plans. 	Lesley Hagger Deborah Mahon
17. 🔑	Changes to the Targeted Early Help Offer for Children's Centres within Northamptonshire	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted the rationale for the new service design and accepts the recommendations regarding the proposed changes to the current offer for Targeted Early Help Children Centre activities; 2) In considering the recommendations set out in this report took careful account of the results of the consultation process referred to in the report in paragraph 6 and available in detail in Appendix 2 of the report; and 3) Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Director of 	Lesley Hagger Deborah Mahon

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		Children, Families and Education in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education to implement the new delivery model for Targeted Early Help Children Centre programme activity and further report to Cabinet where this is considered necessary.	
18. 🔑	Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Protection Plan 2017-2020	RESOLVED that: Cabinet noted the findings of the Consultation Summary Report and endorsed the Draft Community Protection Plan 2017-20 to the Fire Authority (Full Council) for approval.	Tony Ciaburro Darren Dovey Hazel Gray
19. 🔑	Targeted Domestic Abuse Service (Please note the General Exception Rule has been applied)	RESOLVED that: Cabinet agreed: 1) Re-specify and tender a new Domestic Abuse Service to commence from 1 May 2017; 2) That the new contract should be for a period of two years with the option to extend for a further year; and 3) To delegate all necessary contractual arrangements and decisions thereto to the Director of Children, Families and Education in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.	Anna Earnshaw Ravina Radia Deborah Mahon
20. 🔑	Determination of 2018 Admission Arrangements and adoption of Fair Access Protocol:	RESOLVED that Cabinet: 1) Approved the changes being proposed for community and voluntary controlled schools and to note the arrangements at schools which are their own admission authority (e.g. voluntary aided school, academies, UTCs and free schools); 2) Determined and adopted the primary and secondary qualifying schemes' for the co-ordination of 2018 admissions; and 3) Approved the adoption of a revised Fair Access Protocol.	Lesley Hagger Kay Ringwood
21. 🔑	Commissioning of Carers Services and Advocacy Contract Extension and new Contracts	RESOLVED that: Cabinet 1) Approved the extension of the existing Carers Contracts listed below until 30 September 2017: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northamptonshire Carers • NVCA 	Anna Earnshaw

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alzheimer's Peer Support • East Midlands crossroads Care • Northamptonshire Carers TUPE arrangement; <p>2) Approved the extension of the existing Independent Advocacy Service contract with VoiceAbility until 31 July 2017; and</p> <p>3) Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director for Adults Commissioning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care to develop and implement the commissioning and procurement arrangements and the subsequent award to the Council's preferred bidder(s) and thereafter finalising and executing all the necessary contractual documentation for the:</p> <p>(a) Adult Social Care related Independent Advocacy Service commencing on 1 August 2017 for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years.</p> <p>(b) Carers Services commencing on 1 October 2017 for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years.</p>	
22 🔑	School organisational changes: Proposal to amalgamate Whitefriars Infant and Junior Schools (Rushden) and form an all through primary school	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approved the technical closure of Whitefriars Junior School in relation to the proposed amalgamation; 2) Approved the extension of age-range from 4-7 and 4-11 years of age at Whitefriars Infant School, to create a new 'all through' primary school with effect from 1 September 2017; and 3) Delegated to the Director of Children, Families and Education, in consultation with the respective Cabinet Member for Children and Education all necessary authority to effect the above. 	Lesley Hagger Chris Wickens
23. 🔑	Transfer for Adult Social Care Contracts to NASS	<p>RESOLVED that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Noted the new delivery vehicle, Northamptonshire Adult Social Services Limited (NASS) a company limited by guarantee was incorporated on 13 December 2016 under company number 	Anna Earnshaw Dr Carolyn Kus

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		<p>10522966 pursuant to the draft Council Plan;</p> <p>2) Delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, the authority to novate or assign/transfer the contracts as set out in Appendices A and B to the report;</p> <p>3) Delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care, the authority to carry out any necessary consultations, to include customers and service users, to support the development of business cases for potential future transfers of services, staff and assets and any incidental matters into NASS; and</p> <p>4) Agreed that the Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Portfolio Holder will refer any such necessary further matters back to Cabinet including the results of external consultations with customers and service users for final decision by Cabinet before services, staff and/or assets are transferred into NASS.</p>	
24. 🔑	Procurement of a Car Club Provider to support the Angel Square Travel Plan	<p>RESOLVED that: Cabinet:</p> <p>1) Agreed that delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Place Commissioning, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance to enter into a contract for the provision of a Car Club; and</p> <p>2) Approved the procurement and execution of a contract to provide a Car Club to support the Angel Square Travel Plan and other similar projects in the future.</p>	Tony Ciaburro James Thorpe