

# **West Northamptonshire Joint Committee**

## **Terms of Reference**

1. To consider and recommend a Constitution to be adopted by the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting;
2. To consider and recommend a Members Code of Conduct to be adopted by the Shadow Authority at its inaugural Full Council meeting;
3. To agree and undertake the recruitment process for the selection of the posts of Interim Head of Paid Service, Interim Chief Finance Officer (section 151 Officer) and Interim Monitoring Officer for the Shadow Authority and recommend to the Shadow Authority at its inaugural meeting nominations for the three interim statutory Officers;
4. To consider and recommend to the Shadow Authority at its inaugural meeting a nomination for the post of Returning Officer;
5. To monitor and seek to mitigate any potential risks associated with the Local Government Reform programme (LGR), the creation of a Shadow Authority and creation of a unitary authority for West Northamptonshire and to establish/agree relevant protocols or process's to manage the risks to LGR;
6. To establish and propose a Calendar of Meetings for the Shadow Council for adoption at its inaugural meeting.
7. To respond to consultations on the content of orders, consents or any other matters where specifically requested to do so by the West Steering Group
8. To establish/agree any protocol or process which, if not implemented timeously, may threaten the establishment of a Unitary Council within the deadline set by the Secretary of State.
9. To receive recommendations/reports from work streams that require Joint Committee approval so long as those relate to the Joint Committee's terms of reference referenced above.
10. To agree the process for an independent review of a scheme of Members Allowances for the Shadow Authority, including the setting up of an Independent Remuneration Panel and to recommend to the Shadow Authority a scheme of Members Allowances for adoption at its inaugural meeting;