



Chelveston-cum-Caldecott Parish Council

Northamptonshire

A2201 item 14

Engaging with the Northants CALC Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and appointing an AMP Working Group comprising the Clerk and two Councillors.

Background: Northants CALC worked with NNC and WNC to submit a bid for funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities, and a grant of £281k has been awarded for an innovative Asset Mapping Project.

The funding will provide parish and town councils in North and West Northamptonshire with the valuable opportunity to take some time to think about and explore what potential future devolution involves. It offers the chance to develop a solid evidence base from a community perspective by mapping assets and services that are provided by the unitary councils, and to build local capacity & skills.

NNC and WNC have said that they do not intend to devolve wholesale assets and services in 2022/23, so this is about preparing for the future. This an opportunity to explore what is involved with the devolution of assets and services well before any decisions need to be made and any specific funding implications arise. Parish and town councils in other areas exploring devolution, such as Milton Keynes and Cornwall, did not always have the luxury of this advance thinking time.

Task: Northants CALC is asking all councils to include an item on their agendas for their January 2022 meeting *“To note Northants CALC’s Asset Mapping Project (AMP) and to create an AMP Working Group comprising one officer and two Councillors”*.

Recommendation:

The Council is recommended to agree to the formation of an AMP Working Group (AMPWG), to be formed under SO4, appoint two Councillors and the Clerk to it, with the following Terms of Reference –

- The AMPWG shall consist of two Councillors (of whom one shall be the Chair of the AMPWG) and the Clerk.
- The AMPWG shall report on its activities at the next following Full Council meeting.
- The AMPWG is advisory only and has no authority to bind the Council to a particular course of action or to make any decisions that incur expenditure. The AMPWG reports to and makes recommendations to the Council.
- The AMPWG does not need to give notice of its meetings and does not need to meet in public. It may meet in-person or online.
- The AMPWG’s primary purpose is to map the assets and services in the area of the Council that are the responsibility of NNC, as well as any other registered or potential Assets of Community Value (ACVs).
- The AMPWG will gather information and data about each asset and service and will consider the importance of each asset or service to the community.
- The AMPWG’s responsibility is simply to gather information and make reports and recommendations to the Council. The Council will consider the reports and recommendations and may instruct further investigatory work by the AMPWG or by any other person.
- The AMPWG should aim to complete its work and produce its final report by 31st March 2022. It should hold such meetings as it deems necessary to complete its work by that date.