

## Business Rate Retention Pilot 2019/20 – Allocation of Funding

All eight local authorities in Northamptonshire are currently preparing for being reorganised into two new unitary authorities covering North and West Northamptonshire (subject to formal Government approval).

The transition and transformation of the current model into the new arrangements are managed through the Future Northants Programme working to the Prospectus for Change produced and adopted by all eight councils.

To help with the transformation required for this change, Northamptonshire authorities applied to the Government in September 2018 to be considered as a business rate retention (BRR) pilot area for the financial year 2019/20. The councils were informed in December 2018 that the application had been successful. It was estimated at that time that the value of the extra funding that the local authorities could retain (rather than paying it into a central government pot) was in the order of £21m).

In accordance with the contents of the approved bid, the governance arrangements for allocating how the additional funding is used is overseen by the Business Rate Retention Board (BRR Board). The BRR Board convenes the Leaders (and Chief Executives) of the eight authorities.

The following schemes have been considered by BRR Board and allocated funding;

Scheme	Allocated Investment Value (£000s)
<u>Rapid Response Team, Adults</u> Investment in Adult Social Care to improve response to falls in the home and recovery from falls to reduce demand on local hospitals.	1,200
<u>Adults TOM Review, Adults</u> Investment in Adult Social Care to design a more efficient and effective operational model.	400
<u>Adults Review Taskforce Team, Adults</u> Investment in Adult Social Care to accelerate delivery of social care package reviews	400
<u>Overnight Carers Scheme, Social Care</u> Investment in Adult Social Care to establish an overnight carers scheme to help those recently discharged from hospital	350
<u>Improving CFN's Fostering Service, Children</u> Investment in Fostering Services to help attract new Foster Carers in the County	470
<u>CFN Workforce Programme, Children</u> Investment in Recruitment and Resources in Children's Social Care	735
<u>CFN Practice Improvement Programme, Children</u> Investment in improving social care practice in Children's Services.	795

<u>Shared Service Redesign and Consolidation, Shared Service</u> Investment to deliver new shared services for back office functions for each of the two Unitary Authorities and promoting shared services.	4,536
<u>Customer and Digital Strategy, Customer Contact</u> Investment to improve customer experience aligned to fit for purpose and modern systems architecture and underpinning technologies in relation to the setup of the two new unitary authorities.	8,010
<u>Cross Cutting Contracts Review, Contracts</u> Investment to conduct a comprehensive review of goods and services supply contracts held across all eight councils in Northamptonshire.	354
<u>Strategic Infrastructure Plan Development, Growth / Transport</u> Investment in development of a strategic infrastructure plan to support growth in the two new unitary council areas.	250
<b>Total Allocated Funds</b>	<b>17,500</b>
Unallocated Funding	1,350
Contingency	2,100
<b>Total Estimated BRR Funding (2019/20)</b>	<b>20,950</b>