North Northamptonshire Council

Leader's Update

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Leader of the Council

30 June 2023

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

I would like to start with some excellent news relating to the Kettering Leisure Village. North Northamptonshire Council has been working hard to help resolve the issue of the pending unplanned closure, playing an important role as enabler and broker in helping find a solution. We have remained calm in our approach and worked in a way that protects both the interests of service users and the local taxpayer. The operator this week announced that, subject to various approvals, the Lighthouse Theatre, Arena Sports Centre and Balance Health Club will now remain open. Please read on for more information.

The Full Council met on Thursday 22 June. If you missed the live streaming you can watch the recording on catch up. The next Full Council meeting will be on Thursday 31 August and the next Executive meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 12 July - both of these meetings will be live streamed. The agenda and meeting notes will be displayed on the council meetings section of our website in advance of each meeting.

The annual canvass is due to commence this weekend with all households receiving a letter or form in the post to check that their electoral register details are up to date.

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The Kier Highways scheme that saw two new bridges connect North Northamptonshire Council's Chester House Estate with the heart of Wellingborough and beyond has been 'Commended' at the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) awards. It's great that this project has been recognised at a national level as, what initially appeared to be quite a straightforward scheme, was actually a highly complex and sophisticated solution.

If you are a community group seeking funding for a new project, please reserve your place at next week's Northamptonshire Funding Fair 2023 and listen to presentations from local and national funders. The event will take place on Wednesday 5 July from 10am to 4pm at King's Park Conference Centre in Northampton.

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The council and sponsors are excited to announce the launch of the North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2023 which recognise local individuals, groups, clubs, organisations and projects that have improved the lives of the community and encouraged North Northamptonshire residents to get active. Please nominate your local sporting heroes by the end of September.

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The Armed Forces Covenant Northamptonshire provides information and advice on support services available within the county for the Armed Forces community and their families. The Community Hubs offer the chance to socialise and seek help and advice in a relaxed setting. The dates and locations of the July sessions have been confirmed.

The council is seeking to review the content of three current Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) and incorporate the Corby area into one overall PSPO relating to Dog Control across North Northamptonshire. Please give us your views on the draft plan which covers fenced play areas, fouling and dogs on leads.

I have provided details of several current consultations and engagement activities in today's update. If you haven't already visited our online Consultation and Engagement Hub, I would encourage you to do so and have your say on a range of local issues and shape future plans. Please also encourage your family and friends to do so.

Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a great weekend!

Statement regarding Kettering Leisure Village

North Northamptonshire Council has been working hard to help resolve the issue relating to the Kettering Leisure Village, also known as KLV.

The council has played an important role as enabler and broker in helping find a solution. We have kept a cool head and worked in a way that protects both the interests of service users and the local taxpayer.

This week, the Kettering Conference Centre issued the following statement:

"We are pleased to confirm that following ongoing discussions with North Northamptonshire Council and Phoenix Leisure Management, a decision in principle has been made subject to the various approvals required, that the Lighthouse Theatre, Arena Sports Centre and Balance Health Club will now remain open. We will be supporting with the transition of operations to Phoenix Leisure Management until 4 September 2023.

"As we have previously communicated, we have been running Kettering Conference Centre at a loss for a number of years. The sharp increase in energy and operating costs have made this unsustainable, therefore the conference centre part of the site will not reopen and will close on 3 July as planned.

"The council has confirmed it will continue to support the Theatre and the Arena with a grant that goes towards operating costs and facilitate its use as a community site. The Balance Health Club will also be kept open alongside these facilities.

"As the extension has only just recently been agreed, further updates will be provided in the coming weeks with regards to any future theatre programme and the process to follow in relation to bookings at the Arena Sports Centre and Balance Health Club.

"We have informed our teams of this decision and would like to thank them for their ongoing professionalism over these past few weeks. We ask that you please be patient as our teams work through the next steps."

I have to say that I'm absolutely delighted that all parties have been able to agree a way forward which sees the elements of the complex that play such a vital role in the local community stay open at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Throughout this process the council has been pivotal as an enabler and broker so that a deal can be driven forward. We have also shown some pragmatic flexibility so that we can facilitate an outcome which is beneficial to the residents of Kettering and the wider area.

I'd like to thank the KLV Support Group and other residents who have shown such tremendous passion and our officers for their commitment and focus. I'd also like to thank my Deputy Leader Cllr Helen Howell for her support as well as Phoenix Leisure Management and Compass for working with us to find a resolution.

KLV is one of the area's premier leisure venues and we know how well valued it is by the local community, as indeed it is by us.

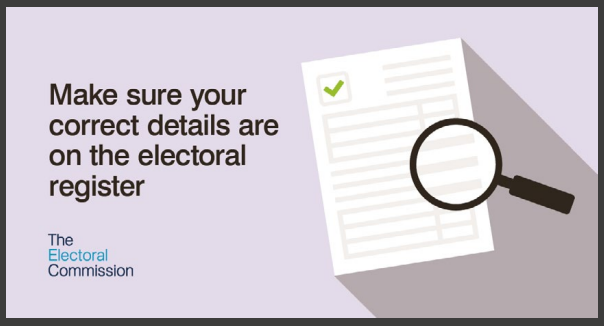
Forthcoming meetings

- **Executive**: Wednesday 12 July from 10am.
- **Full Council:** Thursday 31 August from 6pm.

The meetings will be live streamed on our **YouTube channel**. Please visit the **council meetings** section of our website in the week before the meetings to view the agendas and papers.

Make sure your Electoral Registration details are up to date

It's that time of year again where we make sure electoral register details are up to date. All households will receive a canvass letter or form.



There are two types of mailings being sent out across North Northamptonshire, one is a letter marked 'CCA' and one is a form marked 'CF'. Households will receive one of the below:

Letters marked 'CCA'

If you receive a letter marked 'CCA', you only need to respond if any elector details are missing or incorrect. We will not send any reminders for letters marked 'CCA', this is the only contact that your household will receive this year.

Forms marked 'CF'

If you receive a form marked 'CF', you must respond even if all elector details are correct. Response reminders for canvass forms will be sent directly to registered electors via email, telephone, text message, personal visit or paper form up until November.

All contact will be easily identifiable as North Northamptonshire Council and we will only ask for limited information relating to voter registration such as name, nationality, date of birth and national insurance number.

We will only visit a property where a canvass form marked 'CF' has been delivered to that property and we have not had a response before Tuesday 25 July.

If you have received a form marked 'CF' the quickest way to respond is to visit the **Household Response** website and enter the security codes on your form to login and record if any changes.

The requested information is required by law and not responding can result in a £1000 fine.

To avoid being disturbed at your doorstep, please respond to your canvass form (if you have received a form marked 'CF') by Tuesday 25 July. Door knocking will commence from the beginning of August until Thursday 18 September.

If you're not currently registered to vote, your name will not appear in messages we send. You can easily register online on the **GOV.UK** website or you can call 01832 742 076.

Not being registered to vote can affect your applications for loans, mortgages and even mobile phone contracts. It also means you will not be able to vote at election time. Please check the form carefully to ensure you do not miss out.

All Corby Towns Fund projects given the green light by government

Final approvals have been given by the Department of Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for the remaining two projects in the Towns Fund - the train station to town centre link road and Smart and Connected Corby.

Together with two previously approved projects, the four projects will bring many benefits to the town and surrounding area:

- The Corby Sixth Form College
- Multi-use building
- Train station to Town centre link road
- Smart and Connected Corby

The last two projects in the list have now been given the formal, final go ahead to proceed by central government. They will further add to the positive impact the overall Towns Fund project will have on the local economy and assist with the future viability of the town centre and diversify the uses of the area.

The news comes as work is well underway on the new Corby Sixth Form, based in Chisholm House, and will be open to students from September 2023, run by the Bedford College Group. The new college will accommodate 339 students by 2025/26 and be capable of welcoming over 660 students per academic year to study in this newly refurbished building in the heart of Corby.

Also located in the town centre will be the multi-use building, which when open will provide accommodation for a modern cultural and community hub, as well as meet the identified demand for creative, media and third sector uses.

Once complete, Oakley Road will provide an attractive and safe pedestrian/cycle connections between the town centre and the railway station through the train station to town centre – link road project. It will connect the station directly with the Chisholm House and multi-use building project area, making a significant contribution to the active healthy travel agenda and help to reduce congestion and emissions across Corby.

Finally, the Smart and Connected Corby project will establish Corby as a 'smart and green' town centre, allowing for monitoring and management of the flow of pedestrians, cyclist and motorists to assess the impact of interventions and help as the town's population increases.

The £19.9m of funding we were allocated has to be used on the four identified projects, which will bring numerous benefits to the area, so I am pleased that government has given us the final go ahead and we will be able to continue to move forward with these important projects.

Please visit the **Corby Towns Fund** website for more information.

Hi Street on tour

Our Hi Street campaign is funded through the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) with the key aim of supporting high streets and local businesses.

The campaign includes a new video which features 25 independent businesses across 12 local towns as well as two of our Executive Members, plus much more.

The Hi Street team has taken the campaign on tour over the past few weeks to meet business owners and film them to showcase and promote the wonderful towns and all that's on offer on high streets across North Northamptonshire.

The new film will have a heart-warming and traditional feel and will share the reasons why people should shop and support local.

Local businesses have shown great support and appreciation for the Hi Street campaign and have enjoyed being film stars for a day.

The new film will launch as part of a wider marketing campaign next month which will feature lots of communications activity, we will bring you news on this very soon.

In the meantime, please look out for the film trailer in the next couple of weeks over on the **Hi Street Facebook** and **Hi Street Instagram** pages.

The new campaign will be complemented by the launch of a Retail Business Support programme later this year. Specialists will be secured to deliver direct support to businesses, through 1:1 sessions and masterclasses on areas to support business improvement and growth.

National recognition for North Northamptonshire projects at prestigious local government awards

A North Northamptonshire Council-led project which aims to improve the health, wellbeing and mental health of truck drivers has been 'Highly commended' at a prestigious national awards ceremony.

The council's Wellbeing team, Environmental Health and Public Health teams reached the final of the **MJ Awards 2023** in the 'Transforming Lives' category for their work alongside Welcome Break in supporting HGV drivers using Rothwell Truck Stop.

An event took place at the Truckstop in September 2022 where drivers were given opportunities to speak to the team, use body composition scales, and have their blood pressure checked, as well as two further supporting visits to the site to engage directly with drivers.

A further **health and wellbeing promotional event** was held at the end of October 2022, timed to be part of the Road Haulage Association's National Lorry Week.

This has been followed up with an action plan created for 2023 to further support HGV drivers using the facilities and there are plans for future events.

Also reaching the final was the North Northamptonshire e-scooter trial which was nominated for the 'Best Transport Decarbonisation' project.

Since the trial started, more than three million rides have been undertaken with over 87,000

registered users. The scheme in North Northamptonshire is led by North Northamptonshire Council, working alongside West Northamptonshire Council, Voi technology and Northamptonshire Police.

It is estimated that since e-scooters were introduced to North Northamptonshire, 1.6 million car trips have been replaced and 700 tonnes of CO2 saved, with an additional £7.57m spent in local town centres as a direct result of the trial. Key workers and job seekers have also benefitted from discounts through the trial.

This is wonderful news for the council and the residents of North Northamptonshire as we have received very high praise for two projects which are greatly improving peoples' lives.

As well as the hard work and determination of the teams involved, this recognition also highlights the important work that goes on with partners across North Northamptonshire to improve the lives of residents.

The MJ Awards attract hundreds of entries from local government organisations around the country. For 2023, the finals ceremony was hosted by the journalist Huw Edwards.

Northamptonshire wins HSJ Digital Award

At the HSJ Digital Awards last week, Northamptonshire came first in the 'Improving Out of Hospital Care through Digital' category with their remote monitoring work. This is a collaboration between North and West Northamptonshire Councils and the Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT).

At the award ceremony on Thursday 22 June, Northamptonshire also received a 'Highly commended' in 'Connecting Health and Social Care through Digital'.

The HSJ Digital Awards celebrate the power of digital products, projects and services to transform care delivery, enhance efficiency and improve patient outcomes.

To find out more, please visit the **HSJ Digital Awards** website.

National recognition for North Northamptonshire bridge scheme that connects communities with historic site

An engineering project that saw two new bridges connect North Northamptonshire Council's Chester House Estate with the heart of Wellingborough and beyond has been 'Commended' at a prestigious national award.

The Kier Highways scheme which opened in October last year received the accolade in the 'Infrastructure' category in the finals of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) awards.

Entitled 'Building Bridges, Building Communities: Kier's creative pedestrian bridges solution' the structures focus on accessibility and connecting communities.

The wider decks, low profile ramp approaches, and handrails on both sides make the bridges safer and more accessible for everyone, particularly those with disabilities.

One bridge is across the River Nene, replacing an old burnt-out structure that connects Chester House Estate to the Wellingborough embankment and is key to the future Greenway active-travel project. The previous bridge had been closed to the public for the past 15 years.

The second bridge is smaller and goes across the Chester House stream with both structures forming part of a right of way, connecting Wellingborough to Irchester.

For the project to succeed it had to balance preserving the natural and historic environment with providing better transport links, resulting in a positive impact on the local community.

The estate is English Heritage status, Scheduled Monument, SSSI, RAMSAR wetland of international importance, and a Special Protection Area for birds.

The project required over a year of consulting, planning, and design to ensure it integrated with the natural and historic environment.

The project team collaborated with various stakeholders, including Historic England, The Environment Agency, and a paleo archaeologist from the University of Wales, to meet the diverse needs of the scheme.

Funding fair to be held in Northamptonshire

The Northamptonshire Funding Fair 2023 will take place on Wednesday 5 July 2023 from 10am to 4pm at King's Park Conference Centre, Kings Park Road, Moulton Park, Northampton NN3 6LL.

Following virtual funding fairs being held in recent years due to the pandemic, this will be a great opportunity for groups from across Northamptonshire to listen to presentations from local and national funders who can help contribute towards community projects in the county.

There will be a variety of funders presenting including the National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All, BBC Children in Need, as well as funding available from both North and West Northamptonshire Councils, plus many more organisations who can all help provide much needed funding for projects. Each of the sessions will provide information on how best to apply for grants, along with a hints and tips presentation.

The Funding Fair is being organised by Northamptonshire Development and funders network, with support from North Northamptonshire Council.

If you are a community group seeking funding for a new project, this is the event for you.

Please visit the **Northamptonshire Funding Fair** section of our website for further details and to reserve your place.

Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023 aims to promote learning and physical health

Children aged from four to 11 are invited to visit any North Northamptonshire Library and get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge - this year, themed around the power of play, sport, games and physical activity.

The Summer Reading Challenge, which is produced by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with libraries, asks children to read, or listen to books over the summer.

This year children will be encouraged to keep both their minds and bodies active, using the free materials from the library or online via the challenge website.

With the Ready, Set, Read! Theme, the characters, which are brought to life by children's author and illustrator Loretta Schauer, navigate a fictional summer obstacle course and track their reading as they go, rewarded by a medal and certificate upon completing the challenge.

In addition, this year the Library Service has partnered with local leisure centres to provide a voucher entitling children to a free swim with a paying adult.

The participating leisure centres are:

- **Corby:** Corby East Midlands International Pool, Parkland Gateway, George St, Corby NN17 1QG.
- **Rushden:** Splash Leisure Pool, Station Road, Rushden NN10 9SJ.
- **Thrapston:** Nene Leisure Centre, Cedar Drive, Thrapston NN14 4JY.
- **Wellingborough:** Waendel Leisure Centre, Thomas Street, Wellingborough NN8 1DZ.
- **Kettering:** Kettering Pool, London Rd, Kettering NN15 7QA.

Children can sign up to the challenge at a library from Saturday 8 July.

Nurturing a love of reading is so important as not only is it a vital skill but can also be wonderfully enjoyable.

This is a long-established scheme which has always proven to be tremendously popular and I'd like to encourage as many as possible to sign up this year.

For further information regarding the Summer Reading Challenge, events or any library service, please either visit your closest branch or visit the **Libraries** section of our website.

Hundreds of Corby school pupils enjoy triathlon taster in North Northamptonshire

In partnership with Tata Steel and The Brownlee Foundation, the council hosted a triathlon day for local schools in Corby last week.

More than 1,300 young people from 16 schools got to take part in a mini triathlon - swim, cycle and run - at the Corby International Pool site, giving them a taste of the sporting event.

North Northamptonshire Council's Active Communities Awards returns for 2023

The council and sponsors are excited to announce the launch of the North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2023.

The awards is a celebration event for health and wellbeing, physical activity and sport in North Northamptonshire.

The honours recognise local individuals, groups, clubs, organisations and projects that have improved the lives of the community and encouraged North Northamptonshire residents to get active.

To make these awards happen, please nominate the local sporting heroes you know of for one the following categories:

- Community Club
- Community Organisation/Group
- Sports Activator
- Community Champion
- Young Volunteer
- Health and Wellbeing Initiative
- Workplace Wellbeing
- Get Active
- Get Active – Young person
- Disability Sports Performer
- Young Sports Performer
- Local Sports Performer
- Outstanding Recognition Award
- Sport School of the Year – Primary
- Sport School of the Year – Secondary

Details of the kind of people we are looking for, and an electronic nomination form are available via the **North Northamptonshire Active Communities Awards 2023** website.

The nomination process will remain open until Friday 29 September following which they will be closely considered by a shortlisting panel. Winners will be announced at an invite only ceremony on Wednesday 15 November at The Holiday Inn in Corby.

North Northamptonshire Council supports Armed Forces Day

Ahead of **Armed Forces Day** (Saturday 24 June), councillors and officers from North Northamptonshire Council came together to pay tribute to the women and men who protect the United Kingdom and those who came before them.

Last Monday (19 June), Armed Forces Day flags were raised at all four of the council offices. A small ceremony took place at the Kettering office with council officer and reservist, Leading Hand Stephen Dunkley, raising the flag. He was joined by fellow officers with Armed Forces connections: Cllr Helen Howell, the council's Deputy Leader, Cllr Matt Binley, Executive Member for Housing, Communities and Levelling-Up and Oliver Wicksteed, Deputy Lieutenant for Northamptonshire.

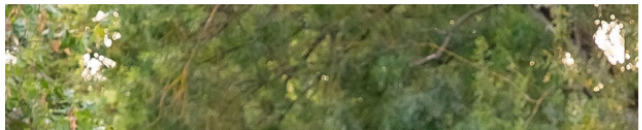
Also in attendance were Private James Cason and Private Joe Clifford, who is also a service instructor with the cadets, from 2 Company 3rd Battalion the Royal Anglian Regiment and Flight Sergeant Martyn York from RAF Wyton.

Armed Forces Day is a chance for individuals and organisations to show support for all those who make up the Armed Forces community, from currently serving troops to service families, veterans and cadets. Traditionally, Armed Forces Day celebrations begin on Monday 19 June when the Armed Forces Day flag is raised on buildings and landmarks across the country.

We not only appreciate our Armed Forces' service to the country, but also the important role they play in our communities across Northamptonshire. Although Armed Forces Day is an important day, we are absolutely committed to supporting our Armed Forces community and their families throughout the year.

Armed Forces Community Hubs - July dates

Armed Forces Covenant Northamptonshire provides information and advice on support services available within the county for the Armed Forces community and their families.



The Community Hubs offer the chance to have a cup of tea and a chat with friends - and an opportunity to seek help and advice in a relaxed setting.

- **Wednesday 5 July**
  12 noon to 1:30pm at The Bridge (63c Gold Street, Northampton, NN1 1RA)
- **Friday 14 July**
  12:30pm to 3pm at Weston Favell Library (Weston Favell Centre, Northampton, NN3 8JZ)
- **Thursday 20 July**
  2pm to 3:30pm at Kettering Library (Sheep Street, Kettering, NN16 0AY)

Further information

For more information, please visit the **Armed Forces Covenant Northamptonshire** website, email Covenant.NCC@westnorthants.gov.uk or call 07741 684647.

Have your say on dog control orders across North Northamptonshire

Residents across North Northamptonshire are being asked for their views on a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering dog control.

Legacy orders in Kettering, Wellingborough and East Northants are all due to expire in November 2023, with no order currently in place in Corby.

It is proposed that a new PSPO for dog control is introduced across the whole of North Northamptonshire, to ensure consistency across the area and harmonise the existing orders.

The consultation asks for views on the draft plan including dog fouling and restricting access to dogs and dogs on leads in certain areas of land.

The consultation is open until midnight on 3 August 2023.

Anyone can take part in the consultation in the following ways:

- Completing the **Public Spaces Protection Order - Dog Control 2023** online survey.
- Writing to: North Northamptonshire Council, Environmental Protection, Swanspool House, Doddington Road, Wellingborough, NN8 1BP.
- Emailing envprotection@northnorthants.gov.uk.

The final proposed order will then go back to Executive later in the year, with a further consultation due to take place.

Open activities on the Consultation and Engagement Hub

Please find below details of several current consultations and engagement activities. Please use the links below to provide your feedback and inform council decisions - and share with family and friends who may be interested in shaping future plans.

North Northamptonshire Council Parking Strategy Survey. We are producing a new parking strategy which needs to identify parking demand and supply across the region over the next 20 years. To help us develop this strategy we are looking at parking habits and provision across North Northamptonshire. We want to hear from you - residents, businesses, and visitors about your experiences of parking in the region. This is the first of two opportunities to have your say on parking. Closes 23 July 2023.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England - Have your say on a new political map for North Northamptonshire Council. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is asking for your views on proposed new electoral arrangements for North Northamptonshire. New boundaries are being proposed for council wards. LGBCE is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It is reviewing North Northamptonshire to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively. The Commission has published proposals for changes to North Northamptonshire. It is proposing that there should be 68 councillors representing five single-member wards, twelve two-member wards and thirteen three-member wards. All wards will have different boundaries. Closes 7 August.

Further information

Details of all open and closed consultation and engagement activities are available on the **North Northamptonshire Consultation and Engagement Hub**.

If you have any questions, please email the Consultation and Engagement Team at CET@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Press releases

North Northamptonshire Council

LATEST NEWS

To help you stay abreast of the key things the Council has been doing, I have included some links to the Council's press releases below (starting with the most recent):

- **All Corby Towns Fund projects given the green light by Government**
- **National recognition for North Northamptonshire bridge scheme that connects communities with historic site**

- Ready, Set, Read! Summer Reading Challenge 2023 aims to promote learning and physical health
- North Northamptonshire Council's Active Communities Awards returns for 2023
- National recognition for North Northamptonshire projects at prestigious local government awards
- Have your say on dog control orders across North Northamptonshire
- Funding fair to be held in Northamptonshire
- Employment event to be held in Corby
- Hundreds of Corby school pupils enjoy triathlon taster in North Northamptonshire
- North Northamptonshire Council supports Armed Forces Day
- North Northamptonshire Council hopeful a solution can be found to secure long-term future of Kettering Leisure Village

If you would like stay up to date with the Council's media releases, you can visit the news section of the Council's website: **www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news**

Or follow Twitter **@NNorthantsC** and/or Facebook **@NorthNorthants**

Social media: Top stories

Follow our social media accounts and share our **Facebook** and/or **Twitter** posts when you can.

Top Facebook posts so far this week (26 to 28 June)

- Work with us and support our residents in a huge variety of services, whether at the start of your career or putting experience to good use in key roles https://ow.ly/861v50ORsXI
  (Post Reach 1,730, Link Clicks 92, Engagement 185)
- Have your batteries given up the ghost? Please don't put your batteries in the bin, recycle them at a shop or supermarket. Find one near you http://ow.ly/G8Oq50OAJNM
  (Post Reach 1,540, Link Clicks 7, Engagement 82)
- Join us at The Corby Cube on Fri 30 June from 11am-1pm to meet our EADS team (Employment and Disability Service), who can support local people thinking about returning to work but have barriers they face. #Employability
  (Post Reach 1,491, Link Clicks 0, Engagement 20)

Top Tweets so far this week (26 to 28 June)

- National recognition for North Northamptonshire projects at prestigious local government awards https://t.co/TAcAvMPNam
  (Post Impressions 573, URL Clicks 15, Engagements 38)
- Discover our Adult Social Care service this Wednesday at Morrison's Supermarket in Kettering. Speak to members of staff who will answer general questions about what support we can offer in North Northamptonshire, alongside providing information and advice.
  (Post Impressions 548, URL Clicks 0, Engagements 5)
- Next week, the Northamptonshire Funding Fair will take place and you can now book your place. More info: https://t.co/waTtOgJBaC
  (Post Impressions 530, URL Clicks 2, Engagements 9)

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have ideas of items to include in future updates please let me know at: **executive@northnorthants.gov.uk**

With Best Wishes,

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