

22 July 2022

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update. What a week that was! UK temperatures exceeding 40 degrees for the first time on record. The heatwave causing disruption to a wide range of services nationally. Thankfully, it has cooled down now and we can hopefully all get back to normality. During this unprecedented spell of hot weather, our Rough Sleeping Team has been providing rough sleepers in the area with water, sun cream, shade from the sun and guidance about keeping safe during the heatwave. I know that our staff did all that they could to keep as many of the Council's services running, and I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for showing such commitment and dedication to public service. For safety reasons the decision was taken to

suspend the green waste service on Monday and Tuesday this week. This allowed the Waste and Recycling team to put all their resources into the other waste collections and finish their rounds before the highest temperatures arrived. On Monday this week, I visited Irchester Country Park to do some filming for ITV Anglia News. It has been nominated as one of the nation's favourite parks. We really do have some wonderful parks in North Northamptonshire. I understand that two other local parks have been shortlisted in the area too: Barnwell Country Park and Corby Sculpture Park. Following my visit to Irchester Country Park, I had the pleasure of visiting our Festival of Social Care at Wellingborough Library. It is great to see colleagues in-person working proactively to raise the profile of a career in social care. It was also wonderful to see our local Batonbearers featured in the **Birmingham 2022 #QBR2022 East Midlands highlights video** on Facebook. I am looking forward to watching the TV coverage

of the Commonwealth Games which start next week (28 July to 8 August) and cheering on Team England (from the comfort of my sofa). Whatever your plans are, I hope you have a great weekend.

Chester House receives royal seal of approval Chester House Estate received a very special guest on Wednesday when Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, visited the nationally significant heritage site.

Before unveiling a plague and officially opening the site, Her Royal Highness toured the estate. met with North Northamptonshire Council's Chairman, Cllr Larry Henson, Cllr Helen Howell (Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Sport, Leisure, Culture and Tourism), Kerry

Purnell (Assistant Director for Housing and Communities), Jack Pishhorn (Manager of Chester

Tomorrow College.

Fund, Nenescape, The Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Natural England and the Creating Following a challenging and pioneering £15m heritage restoration project, the Chester House Estate opened to the public in October 2021 and to date has welcomed over 140,000 visitors. I was delighted to hear that Chester House Estate has been selected as a finalist in the Northants Life 'Best Day Out Locally' award. You can vote for your favourite on the Northants Life website. If you haven't yet visited **Chester House Estate**, please do, it is really worth a day out.

House Estate), members of the Chester House Estate team, as well as dedicated volunteers and representatives from key stakeholders including Historic England, The National Lottery Heritage

**ITV Anglia News film at** 

**Irchester Country Park** 

Irchester Country Park is one of three parks in North Northamptonshire nominated for the 'UK's

Favourite Park' award. Fields in Trust are running a vote for the 'UK's Favourite Parks 2022' competition. Parks are nominated by their users and 364 parks have been nominated nationally. Three parks have been

Thursday 18 August. Casting your vote for your favourite park is guick and easy. Simply visit the

Fields in Trust website, search for nominated parks in your area and choose your favourite. After the voting has closed, the shortlist will be announced, made up of the parks that receive the most votes in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. These parks will be named 'National Favourites', before the overall winner and 'UK's Favourite Park 2022' is revealed over

Additionally, any park finishing in the top 20% in voting will achieve 'Local Favourite' status

Online survey will create snapshot of Houses

## of Multiple Occupancy in North Northants The Council is asking residents, landlords and others for feedback to help understand the views and experiences of people regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in North Northamptonshire.

HMOs are properties rented out by more than two people who are not from the same household (i.e. family) but share basic facilities like a kitchen or bathroom. It does not include self-contained flats where none of the facilities are shared, but includes houses containing

We have listened to feedback and the extra time will provide more opportunity to listen to residents views and to look at the options in more detail, including careful consideration at the Council's scrutiny

At the meeting of its Executive on 14 July, North Northamptonshire Council approved setting aside

Voluntary and community groups are being encouraged to apply for small grants to help

The Council is making available funding of up to

The scheme is open to community and voluntary sector organisations, registered charities and not-for-profit organisations, with priority given to

Grants up to £2,500 - deadline is July 31, 2022 Grants of between £2,500 and £5,000 - deadline

the area more sustainable for generations to come.

difference to all our local communities.

Other grants available from the Council include:

are able to shape their lives and areas where they live.

projects that support the Council's key priorities and the strategic aims.

improve the lives of local residents.

£5.000 as follows:

is July 31, 2022

community group.

**Covid Additional Relief Fund** 

**Members Empowerment Fund** 

Nursery Relief schemes.

landfill sites.

guidelines.

meetings.

nominated in North Northamptonshire: Irchester Country Park, Barnwell Country Park and Corby

Voting will run for six weeks, closing at noon on

reflecting the love shown for it by its local community.

the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Sculpture Park.

bedsits, hostels and shared houses. The Council recognises that HMOs play an important part in the housing market and provide a vital resource for many people. The Houses in Multiple Occupation survey is to help establish an accurate picture of how many HMOs there are, what living conditions are like and the experiences of local people. For people living in HMOs the survey asks about their experience, what issues they've had and how they have been resolved. there are additional HMOs in the area that the Council is not already aware of.

The survey is also for landlords and other members of the public and seeks views on whether We will share the results of this survey and use your feedback to help make recommendations for policy and service changes to improve the Council's corporate approach to HMOs and ensure the highest standards of licensing and strong governance. Creating safer, better connected communities is a priority for the Council and making sure we have the right information in place to help us to do this is very important. The survey closes at 11:59pm on 9 September 2022.

Statement on green waste decision deferral The Executive agreed to defer the decision relating to the future provision of green waste at its meeting on 14 July. It is anticipated that a report on the options will come back to Executive in September this year.

We are aware however that whilst the delay provides more opportunity to look at the options, it also provides a longer period of uncertainty for those residents who are currently paying a subscription charge for the service. We would like to reassure residents who are currently subscribing to the service that fairness and equity of any future approach is essential. The need for a consistent service was a very clear message that came out of the consultation and something that we are committed to. Until a decision is made on how the Council proceeds with the service the current approach will remain. Once a decision has been made by the Executive, we will explore the impact that may have on existing subscription users in the East Northamptonshire area and consider the next steps.

£1.5m set aside for highway improvements

£1.5million from the Council's budget underspend for 2021/22. The money will be put into a reserve specifically to enable important repairs across North Northamptonshire including: potholes white line painting clearance of overgrown vegetation sign cleaning and more. These works are additional to budget commitments already made in Highways services.

Community grants now available to help

transform lives in North Northants

## The Council's six key priorities are: **Active, fulfilled lives** – helping people live healthier, more active, independent and fulfilled lives. **Better, brighter futures** – caring for young people, providing them with a high-quality education and opportunities to help them flourish. Safe and thriving places – enable a thriving and successful economy that shapes great places to live, learn, work and visit. **Green, sustainable environment** – taking a lead on improving the green environment, making

**Connected communities** – ensuring our communities are connected with one another so they

Modern public services - providing efficient, effective and affordable services that make a real

I would urge community and voluntary groups to get in contact and apply for these small grants as they can make a big difference to people's lives. Applications could be to support a local street

The government provided funds to give business rates relief for businesses impacted by Covid-19,

but who are not eligible for existing relief schemes such as the Extended Retail Discount and

Businesses have until 22 August to apply for this reduction on their 2021/22 business rates bill.

Augean revenue and small grants fund to support projects within a 10 mile radius of Augean's

of up to £5,000. Examples of what the fund can be used for can be found in the criteria and

Total funding changes every year and supports revenue projects up to £10,000 and capital projects

There are 3 funding rounds in this financial year. Round 1 applications have now closed but Round

Community consultation opens for the A509

The second application window for the **Covid Additional Relief Fund (CARF)** is now open.

party, helping to encourage wildlife in a local pocket park or sports and play equipment for a

Any groups that want to find out more about what is available and criteria needed to apply can do so on our **Community grants and funding web page**. Alternatively, please email

communityfunding@northnorthants.gov.uk to request an application form.

Our grant scheme, known as the **Member Empowerment Fund**, is open now.

Each councillor is allocated yearly funding for small community-based projects up to £2,000. Money can be awarded to parish or town councils, community groups, voluntary organisations and charities working in North Northamptonshire. This allows members to be innovative in formulating proposals for the benefit of residents in their wards. Applications must be by ward member. Augean revenue and small grants fund Augean plc manages landfill sites in King's Cliffe and Thornhaugh. As part of this, some of their revenue (Section 106 monies) is given back to fund local community projects. We administer the

2 applications will begin in September.

traffic issues through Isham and to accommodate the anticipated traffic

Delivery of the Isham Bypass scheme is a priority project for the Council as it seeks to provide a range of benefits

Wednesday 10 August 2022 from 6pm to 8pm. Please feel free to get involved and give your feedback.

We benefit from being members of the

and stakeholder consultation.

how we intend to do this.

- Closes 27 July 2022

Consultation Institute, a not-for-profit best practice Institute, promoting high-quality public

so they can inform Council decisions. Our

Please visit the **North Northamptonshire Consultation & Engagement Hub** where you can find and take part in consultations and engagement activities that interest you.

Leaders of North Northamptonshire Council have welcomed a boost to the local economy after

innovative manufacturer – <u>TopHat</u> – announced it

TopHat which uses innovative technology to build 3D modular homes will develop a new cutting-edge facility on Corby's Magna Park site being developed

start later this year with the facility operational in late 2023.

which already produces up to 800 homes per year.

The Council and the Co-op have partnered with Starship Technologies, the world's leading

provider of autonomous delivery services, to bring the benefits of autonomous grocery

media and around the towns about 'the cute

The partnership will see up to 45,000 residents across 33,000 households in Wellingborough, Rushden and Higham Ferrers able to access on-

Redhill Farm, Grangeway and Higham Ferrers.

them map their environment to the nearest inch.

Statement of persons nominated - Raunds

**Summer Activities** 

North Northamptonshire children will have a summer to remember as we bring a range of activities to local children across the summer holidays in 2022. Visit

the **Summer Activities web page** for details.

The social media team has been posting messages about the need to supervise children in and around water with a link to the RNLI Float to Live 5 steps advice and video. Although it can be fun to cool off in water, structures such as bridges, locks, flood channels, canals, quarries and reservoirs should be

Would you know what to do if you got into difficulty in the water? Watch the video – it could save your

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF Northants) returns this Summer. HAF Northants delivers funded school holiday clubs with healthy

understanding of activities and fun things to do in Northamptonshire (sport and more) they have handpicked a directory of enriching activities.

free school meals and be aged between 5 to 16 years old.

and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018.

Involve children (and parents) in food preparation

The new Northamptonshire Adult Learning Courses brochure and online catalogue are out now. There is an interesting mix of online and face-to-face courses across a wide range of subjects including

Photography, Cookery, Pottery and Languages. All courses are

booked on a 'first come, first served' basis. Have a browse and book

Cover more than just breakfast or lunch

Would you like to discover new places, find local events and attractions this summer? From quirky boutiques to hidden coffee shops, festivals, carnivals. play areas and parks - and exclusive offers? Download

the **DiscoverNN app** and start exploring!

your course on the Adult Learning website.

Our Health and Wellbeing Festival returns this

If you're a local health and wellbeing expert or

email communications@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Full Council: Thursday 28 July, 2pm - Council

agenda will be displayed in the week before the

Chamber, The Cube, Corby. The Full Council meeting

body plus much more.

Royal seal of approval for the

Council announces £1.5m for highway

**Chester House Estate** 

improvements

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September and we're looking for local organisations

to get involved to show all that's on offer in North Northamptonshire to support residents with their health and wellbeing needs. We're planning classes, activities, taster sessions and demonstrations on a huge range of topics to help people get moving, take time to relax, learn new skills, look after their mind and

meals for young people aged 5-16 years in Northamptonshire. Families receiving benefitsrelated free school meals might be eligible for HAF

The team delivering HAF Northants is Northamptonshire Sport. Using their

Northants.

experience gap.

When and why did HAF start?

robots'.

one hour or less.

**Loatland** 

Windmill

avoided.

life.

delivery to local residents across Wellingborough, Higham Ferrers and Rushden. The service started last week and there has been much talk on social

will bring 1,000 skilled jobs to the area.

Capable of delivering one house every hour, the state-of-the-art facility will use precision engineering techniques to create around 4,000 homes per year on the site. Construction is due to

carbon to build and to run.

by GLP.

We want to consult and engage with stakeholders

Consultation and Engagement Framework shows

to the local community and road

within Isham.

growth in the coming years.

**Isham Bypass scheme** Consultation is now underway for the Isham Bypass scheme and people are encouraged to give their feedback on this important project for the area. The A509 Isham Bypass scheme has been developed to address existing

held in Kettering, Wellingborough and Isham. People can also visit the online consultation room. The scheme's Outline Business Case (OBC) for Government funding for construction and the Planning Application are currently anticipated to be finalised and submitted by late 2022. Consultation Friday 15 July from 9am to 4pm at Kettering Market in High Street and Gold Street, Kettering. Thursday 21 July from 10am to 7pm at Isham Village Hall. Saturday 20 August from 9am to 4pm in Market Street, near the Swansgate Centre, Wellingborough. Online consultation Wednesday 3 August 2022 from 6pm to 8pm.

Have your say: Current consultations

users, including improving congestion, better travel times, and reduced traffic noise and pollution

The consultation period will be open until 26 August. Several consultation sessions are

scheduled where people can speak with the planning team. These in-person sessions will be

## A509 Isham Bypass Scheme Community Consultation - Closes 26 August 2022 Open engagement activities Children & Young People's Review of Digital Platforms to Support Mental Health and Wellbeing - Closes 31 July 2022 Houses in Multiple Occupation - Closes 9 September 2022 Immediate Article 4 Direction: Factory, Windmill Road, Rushden - Closes 9 September 2022

Hundreds of jobs to be created as hi-tech

manufacturer builds on innovative success

North Northamptonshire Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and Conditions

Harrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan Proposal - Closes 25 July 2022

Braybrooke Neighbourhood Plan Proposal - Closes 25 July 2022

next year. I think it's wonderful to see such a pioneering manufacturer locating to North Northamptonshire, creating hundreds of skilled jobs. The innovation used by TopHat in creating low-carbon homes will assist in significantly reducing living costs at this time of very high energy prices and into the future. Starship's robotic delivery service expands to **North Northamptonshire** 

demand grocery delivery from four Co-op stores in Olympic Way, Farm Road (off Northen Way),

Starship's robots have become a much loved and firm fixture across local neighbourhoods in Northampton for the last 18+ months, with the company also operating in Milton Keynes and Cambourne, as well as multiple university campuses in America and elsewhere in Europe. Starship was created by the co-founders of Skype in 2014. Since launching commercial deliveries in 2018, Starship's robots have travelled more than 4 million miles and safely completed more than 3.5 million deliveries. Around the world, the robots make 140,000 road

Starship's robots are powered by zero carbon electricity, with an average delivery for a Starship robot consuming as little energy as boiling a kettle to make just one cup of tea. Orders are made through the Starship food delivery app, which is available for download on iOS and Android, with groceries picked fresh in local Co-op stores and delivered quickly and conveniently in as little as

watch in real-time via an interactive map as the robot makes its journey to them. Once the robot

Statement of persons nominated and notice

of elections - Desborough and Raunds Town

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Do something cool with your Summer www.northnorthants.gov.uk/summeractivities

North Northamptonshire residents will be able to choose from a range of grocery items, schedule their delivery, then drop a pin where they want their delivery to be sent. They can

The robots are lightweight and travel at the speed of a pedestrian (no faster than 4mph). They use a combination of sensors, artificial intelligence and machine learning to travel on pavements and navigate around any obstacles, while computer vision-based navigation helps

crossings every day, equivalent to three road crossings every second.

arrives, they receive an alert and can meet and unlock it through the app.

Welcome to Redhill's Co

The manufacturer uses robotics and pioneering manufacturing to create homes that are ultra-low

The new 650,000 sq ft cutting-edge facility will be in addition to TopHat's existing site in Derby

Earlier this year, American aluminium can manufacturer Ball Corporation, started construction of a new production plant in Burton Latimer, creating 200 jobs and expected to become operational

Residents in the Loatland ward of Desborough will be able to vote for a new town councillor and residents in the Windmill ward of Raunds will be able to vote for a new town councillor on Thursday 4 August 2022. Notice Of Election - Desborough Town Council **Notice Of Election - Raunds Town Council** Statement of persons nominated - Desborough

**Household Support Fund 2: Families with Children** As part of the second **Household Support Fund**, food vouchers for use in the holidays have been sent to those eligible through the existing free school meals system. These have been distributed by schools and can be activated and redeemed at one of the following supermarkets - Asda, Aldi, Iceland, Marks and Spencer, McColl's, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, Tesco or Waitrose **Back this Summer: Northamptonshire** 

**Holiday Activities and Food programme** 

School holidays can be particular pressure points for some families because of increased costs (such as food and childcare) and reduced incomes. For some children that can lead to a holiday

HAF helps to ensure that children have access to healthy food and enriching activities throughout the school holidays. To take part in the programme, your family must be receiving benefits-related

On 8 November 2020, the government announced that the holiday activities and food programme will be expanded across the whole of England in 2021. The programme has provided healthy food

The HAF programme has the support of some high-profile people, probably best-known is Marcus

**DiscoverNN this Summer** 

**New Adult Learning Courses brochure** 

**Health and Wellbeing Festival** 

business, and you want to showcase your services, we'd love to have you on board. Please

Council meetings - Key dates for your diary

**Press releases** 

To help you stay abreast of the key things the Council has been doing, I have included some

Online survey will create

snapshot of Houses of Multiple Occupancy in North Northants

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decision deferral

Starship's robotic delivery service expands to North

Northamptonshire

Free holiday clubs are a response to this issue and evidence suggests that they can have a

positive impact on children and young people and that they work best when they:

Provide consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities

Rashford MBE. To find out more, please visit the **HAF Northants website**.

Float to Live: Water safety advice

meeting. Executive: Thursday 25 August, 2pm - Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby. The Executive meeting agenda will be displayed in the week before the meeting. Please visit our **Council meetings web page** to browse upcoming meetings with agendas and documents.

links to the Council's press releases below (starting with the most recent):

Community grants now available Deferral of the Garden Waste to help transform lives in North **Future Service Provision Report** Northants to Executive Statement of persons nominated Hot and extreme weather and notice of elections -Desborough and Raunds Town

section of the Council's website: www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news

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

Top Tweets so far this week (18-20 July 2022) through flooded roads where possible. (Impressions 2,699, Engagements 42)

Follow our social media accounts on **Facebook** and/or **Twitter**. Top Facebook posts so far this week (18-20 July 2022) Our waste collection crews could be out as early as 5am tomorrow (Tues) to beat the heat. So please have your bin out tonight if you are due a collection tomorrow. As ever, thank you for your support during this time. (Reach 36,228, Post Clicks 2,207) If you see a gritter lorry going along, don't worry we haven't gone mad. In extreme heat we spread sand to protect the highway from melting. There is no snow coming. (Reach 34,970, Post Clicks 2,906) Due to the red weather warning for exceptional heat, we have cancelled garden waste collection services today and tomorrow. All other collections will continue as normal so that we can minimise the exposure to our collection teams during the hottest part of the day. Unfortunately, we are unable to catch up on these collections and we are asking residents to hold onto their material until the next scheduled collection. Thank you for your understanding and we apologise for any inconvenience caused, and we expect collections to return to normal on Wednesday. (Reach 32,786, Post Clicks 4,432) The Met Office has issued a Yellow warning for thunderstorms in this area tomorrow (1pm-9pm). If you're concerned about flooding, please visit the Northamptonshire Flood Toolkit website for guidance https://t.co/cgWw1dPFyo and avoid driving

If you would like stay up to date with the Council's media releases, you can visit the news

Social media: Top stories

Please only visit the household waste recycling centre sites (tips) if it is necessary for any inconvenience. (Impressions 1,649, Engagements 22) hottest part of the day. (Impressions 1,230, Engagements 53)

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With Best Wishes, Jason **North Northamptonshire** Council

you to do so and be aware that all sites may have to close at short notice for health and safety reasons. This only applies to Corby and Wellingborough. We apologise for 1/2 Due to the red weather warning for exceptional heat, we have cancelled garden waste collection services today and tomorrow. All other collections will continue as normal so that we can minimise the exposure to our collection teams during the 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: <a href="mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk">executive@northnorthants.gov.uk</a>