North Northamptonshire Council

Leader's Update

Cllr Jason Smithers
Leader of the Council

30 September 2022

Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

The reconvened Executive meeting took place on Tuesday this week. The meeting was due to take place on Thursday 15 September but was postponed during the national period of mourning. The Executive made a number of important decisions on agenda items. You can **view the recording** on our YouTube channel and read the agenda and papers online.

A meeting of Full Council meeting was held yesterday (Thursday 29 September). If you missed the live streaming, you can **watch the recording** on our YouTube channel and find the agenda and papers on our website.

An exciting new contract and collaboration with Kier Highways started this week which will deliver widespread improvements over the coming months and years. An investment from North Northamptonshire Council of £1.5m will be spent this year, across 109 parishes, to carry out works such as pothole repairs, vegetation clearance, sign cleaning, road marking renewal, drainage investigation and much more.

The council has won a Green Apple Award for Environmental Best Practice with our Desborough Greenspace project. If you are interested in the natural environment, you will enjoy reading about our Ise Valley Strategic Plan too.

An Ofsted inspection of Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) commenced on Monday 26 September and will continue for another two weeks. The inspection will focus on the impact of NCT's practice on the experience and lives of children.

If you are a parent or carer, please note that the application process is open to apply for a reception place in a primary or infant school, a Year 3 place in a junior school, or a Year 7 place in a secondary school for the September 2023 intake. Application instructions and deadlines are below.

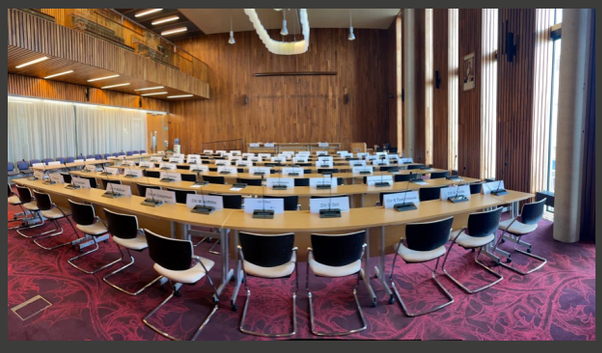
Also in this issue, we invite you to have your say on two key consultations: the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and Corby Towns Fund projects. A full list of all open consultations is also provided below.

Tomorrow will see the start of Black History Month. The council will proudly fly the Pan-African flag at its buildings to celebrate the impact of black heritage and culture on North Northamptonshire and the wider world. As part of the month-long celebration, we will share useful links to organisations in the county on our website and social media channels, as well as highlight local events and information.

Next week, the council will hold an Adult Social Care Showcase at Corby Cube on Wednesday 5 October from 10am to 3pm to promote and raise awareness for the services that Adult Social Care provide to the area. I hope that you are able to join us.

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

Council meetings



Reconvened meetings

The council postponed several meetings during the national period of morning following the death of Queen Elizabeth. I have provided links to the agenda and papers from the reconvened meetings below so you can catch up on proceedings:

- **Wellingborough Area Planning Committee:** Adjourned on 14 September, took place on Thursday 22 September. **See agenda and papers.**
- **Executive meeting:** Adjourned on 15 September, took place on Tuesday 27 September. S**ee agenda and papers.**
- **Democracy and Standards Committee:** Adjourned on 12 September, will now take place at 7pm on Monday 10 October. **See agenda and draft minutes**.

Recorded meetings

If you missed the live streaming of this week's Executive and Full Council meetings, you can watch the recordings on our YouTube channel and find the agendas and papers on our website.

- **Executive meeting:** Tuesday 27 September. **Watch YouTube recording**. **See agenda and papers.**
- **Full Council meeting:** Thursday 29 September. **Watch YouTube recording.** **See agenda and papers.**

Waste strategy will set direction of service to 2025 and beyond

The council's blueprint for how domestic waste is collected and disposed of in the North Northamptonshire Council area has been approved by Executive.

The Waste Management 3-Year Plan (2022-2025) sets out how the authority will put proposals in place from now until 2025 and beyond.

Following local government reorganisation and the formation of the authority in April 2021, the waste service was created from teams from the legacy borough, district and county councils. As such, the council inherited a range of different contracts, service delivery plans, policies and ways of working.

Since becoming a unitary council, there has been some harmonisation of services and teams, but, further work is still required to create one single tier waste service.

The **proposal** is to create a plan to bring together all parts of the service as contracts expire and activities align to create a single waste management service.

A more co-ordinated and aligned approach is expected to bring service efficiencies, harmonisation, financial benefits and service improvements for residents.

The waste service provides kerbside waste collections for both recyclable and non-recyclable waste to approximately 148,900 households.

Each year, North Northamptonshire produces 157,960 of household waste, 45.4% of which is sent for recycling or composting with the remainder being sent for treatments that maximise the potential for energy recovery.

In addition to household waste collection and disposal, council waste teams have responsibility for:

- Street-cleansing including maintenance of the litter bin network.
- Environmental crime enforcement including fly tipping and littering offences.
- Active management of one closed landfill site and monitoring of a further four closed landfill sites.

As a growing area it's important that we get the provision of such a key service right – to not only harmonise our offer across North Northamptonshire and make it efficient.

Change of waste collection days in the Corby area

The bin collection schedules for all properties in the Corby area (previously covered by Corby Borough Council) will be changing from Monday 17 October.

The council will be tagging all bins, with either a green or pink tag, in the affected area beforehand to let residents know and to notify them of their new collection days/schedule for refuse, recycling, garden bins and food waste.

This change will only impact those in the Corby area, with some residents in the area having just a collection day change whilst others will also have a schedule change too.

The changes are necessary to accommodate new housing developments, to improve the efficiency of the collection service and to allow for the ongoing growth in property numbers into the future.

Residents are reminded to place your bins out for collection by 6:30am on collection day and remove them from the street by 7pm on collection day.

If you are unsure of your bin collection day or need more information, you can check on the **bin collection web page**. This will be updated to reflect the new collection days.

Bin lorry incident raises safety concerns over discarded batteries

Quick thinking by one of our collection crews averted a potential bin lorry fire in Slaters Close, Rushden on Monday morning.

Smoke was spotted coming from waste being tipped into the bin lorry and the crew quickly removed the bin full of waste to prevent a serious incident. The smoke was found to be coming from a disposable vaping unit.

We would like to remind residents that batteries and small electrical items containing batteries should never be placed in either your refuse or recycling bin. Some products, like the nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cad) rechargeable batteries for example, can ignite very easily in a waste collection vehicle.

Only a few weeks ago one of our vehicles caught fire in Westfield Avenue in Rushden and the whole load had to be tipped in the street and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service called out to make it safe.

Please remove batteries from small appliances and take these to a battery recycling point - these are provided in shops that sell batteries. This **short video** below shows just how dangerous putting batteries in your waste bin can be.

Over £3.9million of grant funding for Family Hubs and Start for Life

Following a discussion in Tuesday's Executive meeting, the funding allocation under the Family Hubs and Start for Life grant will be between £3.93m and £4.11m to be spent over a three-year period.

At the June meeting, the Executive agreed to adopt a **Family Hubs model** for North Northamptonshire. In August the sign-up process for the Family Hubs Transformation Grant was completed and submitted to the Family Hubs and Start for Life central department.

Now that the **report** has approved, plans for a prototype hub at a location in North Northamptonshire will be developed and Officers will develop and submit a three-year delivery plan.

Start of new highways contract will see spruce up of North Northamptonshire area

The council's new contract with Kier Highways has now begun – a collaboration to modernise the service and deliver for our residents.

People can expect to see an increased presence on the roads as we roll out our plans to accelerate a spruce up of the North Northamptonshire area.

An investment from North Northamptonshire Council of £1.5m will be spent this year, across 109 parishes, to carry out works such as pothole repairs, vegetation clearance, sign cleaning, road marking renewal, drainage investigation and much more.

This is the first highways contract to be awarded since the council came into existence in April last year.

Worth approximately £30m a year, it is one of the highest value contracts awarded by the council and is set to run for seven years, with the potential to extend to a maximum of 14 years.

The deal has been drawn up to ensure that there is provision for a safe, legal, customer-focused and value for money service while also making tangible contributions to the council's commitment to social value and its response to climate change and protecting the environment.

The highways network is important to everyone as it keeps us connected and allows the delivery of goods and services that we all enjoy. This is an exciting new collaboration with Kier and I look forward to seeing widespread improvements over the coming months and years.

Green glory for North Northamptonshire

The council has won an **International Green Apple Environment Award** in a national campaign to find the greenest companies and organisations.

North Northamptonshire Council competed against more than 500 other nominations in the Green Apple Awards for Environmental Best Practice with our Desborough Greenspace project. The **Desborough Greenspace** was established in 2012 as a large 22-hectare site that would be far less formally managed with a vision to create a very large and accessible natural space for local people as well as biodiversity.

The presentation ceremony will take place in the Houses of Parliament on Monday 21 November.

As a result of this International Green Apple Award success, we have been invited to accept Green World Ambassador status and have our winning paper published in The Green Book, the leading international work of reference on environmental best practice, so that others around the world can follow our lead and learn from our achievement. It also entitles us to represent the country in the Green World Environment Awards that are held in a different country every year.

The Green Apple Awards are run by The Green Organisation - an international, independent, non-profit, non-political environment group that began in 1994 to recognise, reward and promote environmental best practice around the world.

This is the second Green Apple Award in as many years for the council, after our 'Pardon the Weeds; We are Feeding the Bees' campaign received the accolade in 2021.

Well done to all those involved in creating this refuge for nature in one of our towns. This award is richly deserved and is the culmination of a decade of hard work and commitment.

Plan for beautiful Ise Valley will enhance natural environment for people and wildlife

A plan to protect and enhance the natural environment of North Northamptonshire's Ise Valley was showcased earlier this month at Wicksteed Park, Kettering.

The Ise Valley Strategic Plan has been developed to bring a focused approach to projects that will improve both access through the valley and its environmental quality.

Projects

- The Ise Valley Greenway - a sustainable walking and cycling route from Wellingborough to Corby.
- The restoration of the natural flow of the River Ise in South Meadows at Wicksteed Park.
- The creation of new habitats, the redesign of water structures to enable fish to move upstream and a floodwater storage zone at Boughton Estate.

The projects will be delivered across an area stretching from the historic fields of Naseby, across to the village of Geddington, roaming north to Corby and south to Wellingborough.

The **Ise Valley**, which covers a large swathe of North Northamptonshire, is vital to the economic, sustainable, and environmental growth of the region.

Aims

- To enhance the quality of the valley's natural environment for people and wildlife.
- To create socio-economic benefits through tourism opportunities for local communities.
- To provide for natural flood management.
- To mitigate against climate change.

The strategic plan, a vision of the future for the region, was prepared by the Nene Rivers Trust (formerly the River Nene Regional Park) on behalf of, and with input from, the River Ise Partnership, a collaborative partnership of leading organisations who have joined forces to secure a green future for the valley.

Working with partner organisations on the strategic plan has shown what can be achieved when the vision is clear and desired outcomes are realistic. Whilst incredibly important, the launch is just the beginning of what will be a wonderful project for North Northamptonshire.

Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services

North Northamptonshire Council, West Northamptonshire Council and Northamptonshire Children's Trust (NCT) received a call from Ofsted on Monday 26 September notifying us that the full Children's Services ILACS Inspection (Inspection of Local Authority Children Services) would start later that day in Northamptonshire.

The inspection focuses on the impact of NCT's practice on the experience and lives of children. They will consider this in a multi-agency context and will wish to speak with colleagues in education in the two councils, as well as other partners about how we work together to keep our children safe and achieve the best outcomes for them.

Inspectors will be based mainly at One Angel Square, Northampton, but may visit any of the unitary council's sites across Northamptonshire, especially if NCT staff work from those locations. It is a three-week inspection, and the inspectors will be onsite in weeks two and three commencing Monday 3 October.

NCT provides Children's Services on behalf of North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council.

Apply now for your child's school place for September 2023

The application process is open for parents and carers to apply for a reception place in a primary or infant school, a Year 3 place in a junior school, or a Year 7 place in a secondary school for the September 2023 intake.

Parents and carers can apply up until 12 midnight on the closing dates for both Primary and Secondary applications, making the process easier and fairer for families.

Parents and carers can apply for a place in reception if their child will be four years of age on or before 31 August 2023.

- Closing date for applications for places in reception and Year 3 (junior school) is 15 January 2023 at midnight.
- Closing date for applications for Year 7 places is 31 October 2022 at midnight.

All applications, whether postal or online, must be received by the closing date to be considered as on time. Late applications will not be processed until after the National Offer Day and will be processed in monthly rounds.

All on time applicants will receive an offer of a school place on the National Offer Days – 1 March 2023 for secondary places and 17 April 2023 for reception places. Applicants will then be provided with information on the next stage of the process.

There is a separate application process for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and an Education, Health and Care (EHC) plan, details of which can be found on the **SEND admissions page**.

An independent admission **appeals process** is available for families who wish to appeal against refusal of a place at any school for which they have applied.

Visit the **School Admissions web pages** to find out more about applying for a school place in North Northamptonshire and to submit an application online.

Knuston Hall for sale after business becomes financially unviable

The council is planning a marketing campaign to offer Knuston Hall for sale on the open market, seeking to preserve an important local heritage asset and give it the opportunity to find new purpose through the investment it needs.

Until recently, Knuston Hall, a Grade II listed heritage asset, has been used as a creative course and event centre including overnight accommodation.

The hall was closed during the Covid-19 pandemic and reopened briefly in 2021, with heavily restricted guest numbers. It closed again in January 2022 following surveys conducted at the start of the year finding that it no longer met statutory compliance requirements. To overcome these would have entailed significant investment in the building. Unfortunately, a combination of the need for such a significant investment to bring it up to standard and a large uplift in annual maintenance budgets means the business has become financially unviable.

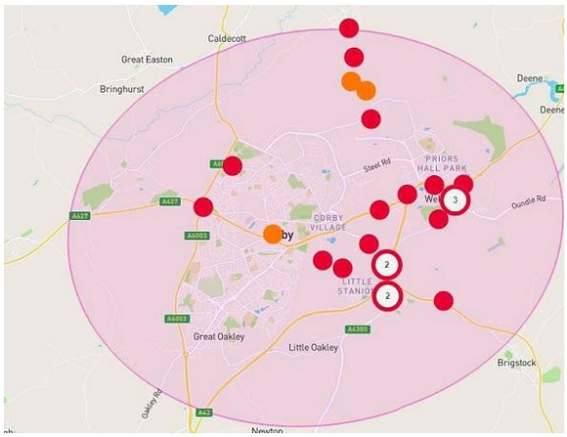
As the council supports Chester House Estate, which is less than three miles away, it is thought that this could provide an alternative location for some adult learning courses, which will be explored for the future.

Staff employed at Knuston Hall have been briefed and there is an opportunity to redeploy the staff to suitable alternative employment within the council, following a consultation process, therefore, the council does not believe there will be the need for any redundancies.

As a Grade II listed heritage asset, the Hall is protected through planning and associated heritage land and property policy, the council will, therefore, as the local planning authority, continue to regulate development of the site.

Have your say on… Corby's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

The council is asking residents to give their ideas on how routes for walking, wheeling and cycling in Corby can be made more attractive as part of the town's new Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP).



The 10-year walking and cycling plan will outline proposals for a network of safe walking and cycling routes across the area including dedicated cycle infrastructure, new footways, safer crossings, traffic calming and locations for cycle parking. The plan will cover Corby and surrounding villages and the council is working with WSP and local social enterprise Brightwayz.

This is a separate consultation to one currently taking place on proposed pedestrian and cycle routes between Corby town centre and train station under the Corby Towns Fund, however, this specific project would sit within the scope of this wider LCWIP.

Developing the plan forms part of our ambition to promote active travel to help reduce carbon emissions, improve air quality and allow people to travel more sustainably for the shorter, everyday journeys to school, the shops or leisure. This is the first stage of the plan and the information gathered will be used alongside other technical data to help draw up the proposed routes to be audited on site.

Once the routes have been audited and proposals for improvements developed, the public and other stakeholders will have a further opportunity to have their say before the plan is finalised.

Once the plan is in place, the council will be in a stronger position to apply for funding from Active Travel England to build the routes to create a joined-up and safe network. Any routes taken forward for delivery will also be subject to public consultation.

Local residents, organisations and businesses are invited to give their views online via the **Commonplace platform** by 13 November 2022. This includes an easy-to-use online map where comments can be pinned and upvoted as well as a separate survey especially for local organisations. Paper versions will be available on request by emailing corbycp@brightwayz.co.uk.

An active travel network that helps connect communities is a priority for the council. Getting the right infrastructure in place has countless benefits including reducing pollution and helping people live healthier lifestyles. I would encourage you to have your say to ensure that all views are represented.

Have your say on… Corby Towns Fund projects

Residents and businesses have until 5pm on Monday 10 October to have their say on the proposed scheme to improve the pedestrian and cyclist facilities between Corby Railway Station and Corby Town Centre.

The government awarded £19.9m to the council through the **Corby Towns Fund** in June 2021 to fund four projects: Corby Station Links, Smart and Connected Corby, Sixth Form College at Chisholm House and a Multi-use Building.

We have started on initial plans for the projects but we would like to hear from those who will be directly impacted by them.

Corby Station Links – will look to improve the public realm and provide an attractive and safe pedestrian/cycle connections between the town centre, Tresham College and the train station along the southern route of Oakley Road. It will connect the station directly with the Chisholm House and the Multi-use building projects and make a significant contribution to the active healthy travel agenda and help to reduce congestion and emissions across Corby.

Smart and Connected Corby – This project seeks to establish Corby as a smart and green town centre through harnessing connected and clean technologies. Using the latest connected and smart technology will enable us to monitoring flows of pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, shoppers, and visitors to understand the present and predict the future.

During the public engagement period, Information boards have been are on display at The Cube in Corby with the opportunity to ask questions. Two staffed events took place on Wednesday 21 September from 10am to 4pm and Thursday 29 September.

I would encourage everyone to come and see the initial plans on display and have your say. Alternatively, you can provide feedback via the **Corby Towns Fund website**.

A further engagement and consultation period will follow.

Consultation and Engagement Hub: Open activities

Please find below details of other open consultation and engagement activities. I would welcome your feedback on the following:

Formal Consultation: Proposed amalgamation of Tennyson Road Infant School and Alfred Street Junior School, Rushden: This formal consultation is about a proposed amalgamation of: Tennyson Road Infant School which provides education for children aged 3 (Nursery) to 7 years (Year 2) and Alfred Street Junior School which provides education for children aged 7 (Year 3) to 11 years (Year 6). Closes 2 October 2022.

The Electoral Commission consultation on draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities: The Electoral Commission have asked us to help promote a consultation they are carrying out on the draft guidance for Returning Officers: Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities. Closes 17 October 2022.

Queensway, Wellingborough Alley Gating Scheme 2022: We plan to implement a series of security measures within the area, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views if installing alley gates would positively benefit the local community. Closes 21 October 2022.

Queensway, Wellingborough CCTV Consultation 2022: We plan to implement a series of security measures within the area, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views if an increased CCTV resource would positively benefit the local community. Closes 21 October 2022.

Public Consultation on an Application for a Part A2 Permit made under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended): North Northamptonshire Council (Kettering Area) has received an application from Ball Beverage Packaging Europe Ltd for a Part A2 Environmental Permit for a drinks can manufacturing facility at Ball Kettering, Kettering Gateway. The public are invited to comment on this application. Closes 26 October 2022.

Kettering, William Knibb & All Saints Wards Proposed CCTV: We plan to implement a series of security measures within this area, in conjunction with North Northamptonshire Council, Northamptonshire Police and local community groups. We are asking for views on our plans. Closes 28 October 2022.

Visitor Use of the Upper Nene Valley: We are currently undertaking a project to understand how people use the Nene Valley for recreation, so we can understand the impact on the important wildlife habitats in the area. Closes 1 December 2022.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Consultation and Engagement team via CET@northnorthants.gov.uk.

NN Job Club

NN Job Club launched in early September with the first event in Kettering delivered in conjunction with a variety of local partners. The team signed up new members to the club and gave advice and support on all things job-related including CV writing, interview skills, finding job and volunteering opportunities, and tips and information on business start-ups.

One new member said: “You have helped me today much more than I thought possible” which is wonderful feedback.

With many more sessions planned I'm looking forward to seeing the club grow over the coming weeks. Please visit the website for more information about **NN Job Club**.

Black History Month

Tomorrow (Saturday 1 October) will see the start of Black History Month. The council will proudly fly the Pan-African flag at its buildings to celebrate the impact of black heritage and culture on North Northamptonshire, and the world as a whole.

As part of the month-long celebration, we will share useful links to organisations in the county on our website and social media channels, as well as highlight local events and information. One event to mention is a special display at Wellingborough Library to honour Mike Prescod MBE, the town's first black mayor.

Please visit our **Black History Month web pages** for more information and links to organisations and resources in Northamptonshire.

Adult Social Care Showcase next Wednesday

The council will hold an Adult Social Care Showcase at Corby Cube on Wednesday 5 October from 10am to 3pm to promote and raise awareness for the services that Adult Social Care provide to the area.

Across the event, there will be a chance to speak to members of staff and who will answer general questions about the service and provide support.

The event will also allow members of the public the opportunity to find out what it is like working within Social Care, with recruitment opportunities advertised on the day. For anyone interested in going one step further and applying for any of the roles being advertising, interviews will be available on the day.

The Adult Social Care Showcase will take place from 10am to 3pm in the Council Chamber at Corby Cube, with job interviews taking place throughout the day from 10am to 3pm and also after the event is finished, between 3pm and 5pm.

Our Adult Social Care services make such a difference to people's lives across North Northamptonshire and I am pleased that we are holding this event so residents can ask questions and find out more about the work being done.

Older Person's Fair tomorrow in Oundle

Oundle Town Council is marking International Day of Older Persons tomorrow (Saturday 1 October) by holding an Older Persons Fair.

This free community event will take place from 10am to 1pm in The Hub at Fletton House.

A variety of services will be attending providing information, advice and support on all aspects of life such as health and wellbeing, finances, safeguarding and much more.

In Memory of Jenny Henson – the Consort of North Northamptonshire Council Chair

The council was saddened to hear that Jenny Henson, Consort to the Chair of North Northamptonshire Council Cllr Larry Henson, died on Tuesday 13 September.

Jenny served her community as a local councillor including a period as Mayor of Kettering. Initially elected in 2003, she represented the St Michaels Ward and then St Michaels and Wicksteed Ward until standing down in 2021. As Mayor between 2008 and 2009, she raised £15,000 for Cransley Hospice.

The funeral took place on Thursday 22 September at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Kettering.

I met Jenny a number of times and she was a lovely lady. She will be sorely missed, and our thoughts are with our Chair, Cllr Larry Henson at this most difficult time.

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):

- Change of waste collection days in the Corby area
- Start of new Highways contract will see spruce up of North Northants area
- Have your say on improving walking and cycling routes in Corby
- Fly tipping fines issued across North Northamptonshire
- New dates for adjourned council meetings
- Green glory for North Northamptonshire
- In Memory of Jenny Henson – the Consort of North Northamptonshire Council Chair
- Falls Prevention Awareness Week – Steady on Your Feet
- It's time to apply for your child's school place for September 2023

- The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II
- Services of Remembrance for Queen Elizabeth II
- Faith communities come together in Northamptonshire to remember Queen Elizabeth II
- Wreaths laid in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II
- Historic proclamation of the accession of King Charles III
- Council meetings during the mourning period
- Books of condolence and floral tributes
- In memory of Her Majesty The Queen

- New Northamptonshire Suicide Prevention Strategy launched on World Suicide Prevention Day – Saturday 10 September
- It's almost time to apply for your child's school place for September 2023
- Waste strategy will set direction of service to 2025 and beyond
- Executive report to discuss parity of hackney carriage fares across North Northamptonshire
- Over £3.9million of grant funding for Family Hubs on Executive agenda
- Future of kerbside garden waste collections to be discussed by North Northamptonshire's Executive
- Plan for beautiful Ise Valley will enhance natural environment for people and wildlife
- Have your say on the amalgamation of two Rushden schools

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 on **Facebook** and/or **Twitter**.

Top Facebook posts so far this week (26 to 28 September 2022)

- Report issues with a highway online with Fix My Street. Quick and easy to use, the team can investigate once we have the details http://ow.ly/Krn850KfRvO
(Reach 5,330, Post Clicks 248)
- Start of new Highways contract will see spruce up of North Northants area http://ow.ly/sSFM50KU3th
(Reach 4,848, Post Clicks 441)
- Quick thinking by one of our collection crews averted a potential bin lorry fire in Slaters Close, Rushden this morning (26/9). Smoke was spotted coming from waste being tipped into the bin lorry and the crew quickly removed the bin full of waste to prevent a serious incident. The smoke was found to be coming from a disposable vaping unit. We would like to remind residents that nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cad) rechargeable batteries and small electrical items containing these should never be placed in either your refuse or recycling bin, as they can ignite very easily in a waste collection vehicle. Only a few weeks ago one of our vehicles caught fire in Westfield Avenue in Rushden and the whole load had to be tipped in the street and Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service called out to make it safe. Please remove batteries from small appliances and take these to a battery recycling point - these are provided in shops that sell batteries. The short video below shows just how serious putting batteries in your bin can be. https://youtu.be/uBHDav3gp4g
(Reach 1,953, Post Clicks 255)

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(Impressions 3,505, Engagements 53)
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(Impressions 1,043, Engagements 13)
- The short video below shows just how serious putting batteries in your bin can be. https://t.co/wLIxH1AS7p
(Engagements 1,036, Engagements 48)

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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