



Dear Councillors and Residents,

REPORT TO CHELVESTON-CUM-CALDECOTT PARISH COUNCIL:

Since our last report to the Parish Council, we have continued to meet regularly to discuss and look for resolutions to matters brought to our attention.

With the Christmas period, there is naturally slightly less to report on this month. However, in the days before Christmas, NNC's first draft budget went out to public consultation. The consultation remains open and all members of the council would be grateful for responses to this which can be found on NNC's website. The council is working hard to protect vital services, while at the same time proposing a balanced budget, with a net revenue budget of £293.5million.

This funding provides a range of services to residents and businesses across the area, including care to vulnerable adults and children, education, the disposal and collection of waste, household waste recycling, economic development, housing and support for the homeless.

Last week, a major incident was declared in Northamptonshire by health, public and emergency service leaders in response to the latest impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in the county.

Northamptonshire Local Resilience Forum – made up of multiple agencies such as NHS organisations, local authorities, Fire and Rescue Service and the Police – made the announcement in response to rising demand on services and staffing levels caused by the pandemic.

Calling a major incident bolsters health and public services ability to join forces and co-ordinate activity to help continuity of essential services and help manage and plan for sustained pressure caused by COVID-19 on staffing levels.

A bonus of £600 was offered to all staff across Northamptonshire delivering CQC Regulated Care Services for their efforts during the ongoing pandemic and over the coming winter months.

Leaders from West and North Northamptonshire Council, together with Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group Chief Executive have worked together and merged funding available for this purpose to make the offer.

Prior to Christmas, we joined a virtual councillor engagement session with Northamptonshire Highways and as of this week, committee meetings are getting back underway.

Looking to other news from NNC:

- North Northamptonshire Council congratulates local residents recognised in the New Year's Honours: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/north-northamptonshire-council-congratulates-local-residents-recognised-new-years-honours>
- Northamptonshire unitary councils deepen pledge to armed forces: <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/northamptonshire-unitary-councils-deepen-pledge-armed-forces>

As ever, should you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch!

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