



## Welcome to the Local Link from North Northamptonshire Council

**Issue 8. Friday 7 November 2025. Featuring: Council votes to oppose digital ID plans. Communities to come together to mark Remembrance Sunday. Agenda items for next Executive meeting.**

### Top story

#### **Council votes to oppose digital ID plans**

North Northamptonshire Council has voted to formally oppose the Government's proposed digital ID card scheme, following a motion passed at last week's Full Council meeting (Thursday 30 October).

The motion, supported by a majority of councillors, raised serious concerns about the potential impact of digital ID cards on privacy, digital exclusion and vulnerable groups. Councillors expressed fears that the scheme could marginalise those without access to smartphones or digital literacy, and questioned its effectiveness in tackling illegal migration or employment.

Councillors agreed to send a formal message to the Prime Minister urging the Government to reconsider the scheme. As requested, I have written to the Prime Minister to express our cross-party concerns.

Watch the meeting on catch-up via our YouTube channel: [Full Council - 30 October 2025](#).

### Latest news

#### **Communities to come together to mark Remembrance Sunday**

On Sunday 9 November, communities across North Northamptonshire and the nation will come together to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces.

A series of [Remembrance Day](#) parades and services will take place in towns and villages, giving residents the opportunity to pay their respects and reflect on the courage of those who have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

I am always immensely proud to see our well-turned-out uniformed youngsters parading with dignity, representing their families, communities and our country in such a splendid way.

In addition to Sunday's commemorations, on Tuesday 11 November, council staff will observe the traditional two-minute silence at 11am. Members of the council's Armed Forces Staff Network will also take part in a remembrance service at the Kettering War Memorial.

### **Agenda items for next Executive meeting**

Attendees at next Tuesday's Executive meeting will also observe the two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day.

This meeting includes several key items, notably the Corporate Plan 2025-2029, which will be presented for Executive endorsement. The report outlines feedback from the recent public consultation and the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, offering Executive members the opportunity to consider the plan ahead of its formal adoption at Full Council in December.

Read our press releases on other reports to be presented, which include:

- [North Northamptonshire Cemetery Regulations](#): Harmonised opening hours, a single grave reservation policy, and updated rules on memorials and site conduct.
- [Future Fleet Strategy and Contract Procurement](#): Plans to replace operational fleet of over 340 vehicles.
- [Travellers Temporary Stopping Site – Update Report](#): A revised location near Junction 11 of the A14 is being considered.
- [Draft Housing Fire Safety Policy](#): New measures will help ensure the highest standards of safety for tenants.
- [Finance and Performance Report Q2](#): Like elsewhere in the country, the need for council services continues to increase.
- [Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2026/27](#): Assistance available to people paying their Council Tax set to remain unchanged from previous years.
- [Council Tax Premiums – Second Homes and Long-Term Empty Properties](#): Proposed changes to the type of properties that are required to pay a Council Tax premium.

Watch the meeting live or on catch-up via our YouTube channel: [Executive - 11 November 2025](#).

### **Avian influenza alert: New housing measures for bird keepers**

North Northamptonshire Council is reminding all bird keepers that from Thursday 6 November, anyone who keeps more than 50 birds must house their birds to help minimise the risk of [avian influenza](#) (bird flu).

These new housing rules also apply to anyone who sells or gives away eggs, regardless of flock size.

A nationwide Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ) is currently in place. This means all bird keepers – whether you have pet birds, a commercial flock, or just a few in your backyard – must follow enhanced biosecurity measures to help prevent further outbreaks.

If you suspect any type of bird flu in poultry or captive birds, you must report it immediately by calling the Defra Rural Services Helpline on 03000 200 301.

Following recent cases of bird flu in the local wild bird population, residents are urged not to touch or pick up dead or sick birds. Instead, please report them to Defra by calling 03459 33 55 77 or online at: [Report dead wild birds – GOV.UK](#).

Let's work together to protect our birds and prevent the spread of disease.



## Community matters

### **Don't get caught out by unexpected changes**

Subscribe to our Service Updates service and receive notifications straight to your inbox about:

- Bin collection delays
- School closures
- Local service disruptions

and more.

Stay ahead. Stay informed. Sign up to [Service Updates](#) on our website today.

### **Helping communities thrive – Council grants now open**

Local community groups in North Northamptonshire can now apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support projects that help people live better lives and bring communities together.

A total of £120,000 is available for charities, clubs, school parent-teacher associations, town and parish councils and other not-for-profit organisations.

To qualify, projects must support the Council's goals like improving health, connecting people or making services more efficient. Applications close at 12 noon on Friday 1 December.

Full details are on our website at: [Community grant funding](#).

### **NHS Mobile Vaccination Van in North Northamptonshire**

The NHS mobile vaccination van is in North Northamptonshire throughout November and December, offering flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

- Open from 10am to 4pm.
- No appointment needed.
- Blood pressure checks and other health services are available.
- ID is helpful but not essential.

Upcoming dates and locations are on our website at: [Mobile vaccination van](#).



## Your Voice Matters

### View and respond to current consultations, and take part in engagement surveys and discussions

- [Healthy Ageing Health Needs Assessment Survey](#) – Closes 11 November 2025.
- [Corby Station, Oakley Road CCTV – new cameras](#) – Closes 23 November 2025.
- [Proposed Housing Allocation Scheme](#) – Closes 3 December 2025.

View all consultations and engagement activities on our website at: [Your Voice Matters](#).



## More to explore

### Stay informed with our latest press releases

- [Measures introduced to halt the spread of Avian Flu](#)
- [Street art project for towns across North Northamptonshire](#)
- [Exciting chance for young people to join youth council](#)
- [Statement regarding historic clear up of former British Steel site in Corby](#)
- [New community bench unveiled in Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, Kettering offers a place to rest and a beacon of hope for mental health](#)
- [Thousands enjoy day of community, culture and civic pride for Northamptonshire Day](#)
- [Turn your big idea into a business at Northamptonshire's Start-Up Day 2025](#)

View all Council news and updates on our website at: [News](#).



## Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions, please email [executive@northnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:executive@northnorthants.gov.uk).

Kind regards,

**Cllr Martin Griffiths**

**Leader of the Council**

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