

Feedback will be compiled into a report for the council's Executive after the consultation closes.

This consultation is part of a wider phased plan that looks at regeneration for all our town centres, as well as our [BIG50](#) vision.

 Latest news

Key decisions from the Executive meeting



The Executive discussed a wide range of reports impacting local communities earlier this week.

Empty homes were highlighted as a concern due to their impact on neighbourhoods and housing availability, with a focus on reducing numbers locally.

The Empowerment Funding Review noted underuse of the current Ward scheme, with support for exploring alternatives aligned to the Corporate Plan, including a proposed Youth Empowerment Grant Scheme.

You can watch the meeting recording on our official Democratic Services YouTube channel: [Executive Meeting – Tuesday 12 May from 10am](#).

Blue sky thinking lands Royal seal of approval for Corby business



Corby based fruit business, [Blue Skies](#), has been awarded [The King's Award for Enterprise](#) in the Sustainable Development Category.

Now in its 60th year the award is one of the UK's highest official business honours with only 186 firms receiving the accolade nationally this year.

This prestigious recognition reflects the North Northamptonshire firm's commitment to combining commercial success with a positive social and environmental impact.

This is great news for North Northamptonshire and shows the quality and variety of businesses we have thriving in our area.

 Community matters

Virtual House – Making your home work for you

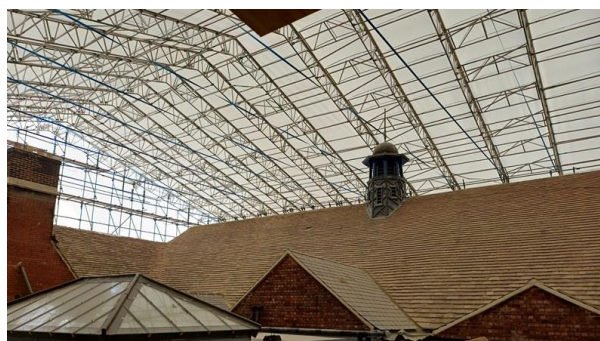


Explore our [Virtual House](#) to discover a range of occupational therapy solutions, assistive technology, and sensory aids and equipment designed to help you adapt your home and support everyday living.

The interactive tour includes guidance on what to consider before you buy, indicative prices and details of where items can be bought.

You may be eligible for VAT relief on certain items. Please visit the [GOV.UK](#) website for more information.

Kettering Library and Art Gallery roof works nearing completion



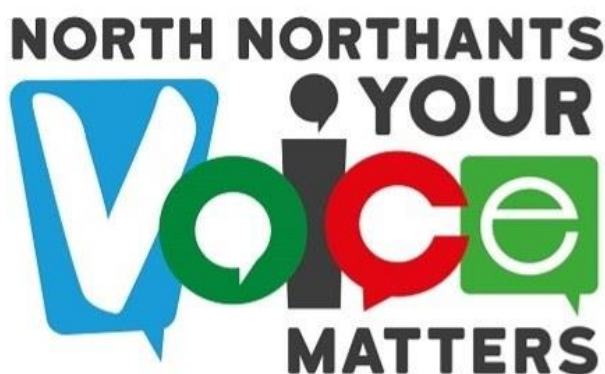
[Roof replacement works at Kettering Library and Art Gallery](#) are nearing completion, with scaffolding and the temporary tent being removed this week. The remaining scaffolding will then be taken down in phases, revealing the new roof and refurbished cupola.

A section of the roof was found to be in good condition and did not need replacing, helping reduce overall costs. Final works will continue ahead of the library's expected reopening in July 2026.

I can't wait to see these beautiful buildings fully open and the new roof in the sunshine – it will be a sight to behold. This area will also host Northamptonshire Day celebrations this autumn.

 Your Voice Matters

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



- [Rothwell Neighbourhood Plan: Regulation 16 Consultation](#) – Closes 7 June 2026.
- [Have your say on the future of Wellingborough Town Centre](#) – Closes 15 June 2026.
- [Healthy lifestyles - food and nutrition: views of parents/carers](#) – Closes 19 June 2026.

Please visit the [Your Voice Matters](#) hub for further information.

Please share with family, friends, or others in your networks who may be interested in contributing their views.


 More to explore

Keep up to date with our latest press releases

- [Chair of the Queensway Neighbourhood Board for £20 million Pride in Place programme announced](#)
- [Foster Care Fortnight 2026 - 'This is fostering'](#)
- [North Northamptonshire council libraries to offer free SIM cards to help residents get online](#)

- [New 'Virtual House' will revolutionise independent living](#)
- [1,500 businesses invited to shape the economic priorities of the South Midlands](#)
- [Your voice matters...development of a new play area strategy of North Northamptonshire](#)
- [Extra storage space marks new chapter for Northamptonshire Archives](#)
- [Let's talk about men's mental health](#)
- [Executive set to discuss youth grant scheme](#)
- [Proposed changes to North Northamptonshire's social and affordable priority housing allocations to be considered](#)
- [Enforcement Policy to be considered by North Northamptonshire Council](#)
- [Local SEND Reform Plan submission moves to next stage](#)
- [Northamptonshire 'Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy' to be considered by North and West Northamptonshire Councils in May](#)
- [New Empty Homes Strategy set to be approved by Council's Executive](#)

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 Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter. If you have any questions, please email executive@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Kind regards,

Cllr Martin Griffiths

Leader of the Council

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