



Welcome to the Local Link from North Northamptonshire Council

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Top story

Council welcomes new Chair and Deputy Chair

At last week's Annual Full Council meeting, Cllr Maurice Eglin was elected as Chair, with Cllr Andy Sims appointed as Deputy Chair.

Councillors extended their sincere thanks to Cllr Helen Campbell for her commitment and service as Chair over the past year.

The role of Chair is largely ceremonial, involving presiding over Full Council meetings and representing the council at civic events across the area. For his year in office, Cllr Eglin has chosen Wicksteed Park and SSAFA (the Armed Forces charity) as his nominated charities.

I would like to wish Cllr Eglin and Cllr Sims every success in their new roles and look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Latest news

Have your say on the future of North Northamptonshire

We are currently preparing a new North Northamptonshire Local Plan, which will guide development and growth across our area in the years ahead.

As part of this work, we have launched a consultation to gather views on what should be included in the plan, as well as how we approach future engagement with residents and stakeholders.

We are particularly keen to hear your views on key issues such as housing, employment, schools and infrastructure. The plan will also play an important role in supporting the conservation and enhancement of our natural, built and historic environment, alongside measures to address climate change.

If you have an interest in how North Northamptonshire will develop and look in the future, I encourage you to take part in the consultation and have your say.

This consultation is open until 1 July 2026. To find out more and get involved, please visit the [North Northamptonshire Local Plan – Scoping Consultation](#) page.



Community matters

Taking action against fly-tipping

Fly-tipping – the illegal dumping of waste on land or in water, often to avoid disposal costs – remains a persistent and growing problem across the UK.

From rural lanes to urban alleyways, this blight not only harms the appearance of our local environments but also brings significant financial, ecological and social impacts.

I am pleased to share that the council is making real progress in tackling environmental crime across North Northamptonshire, using a range of targeted measures:

- The installation of a gate and access restrictions has successfully reduced fly-tipping at a rural hotspot near Ecton.
- Between January and March this year, the council issued 39 Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping
- Covert surveillance has been expanded
- 72 reports of abandoned vehicles have been addressed.

I am determined that we continue to take a zero-tolerance approach and hold those responsible to account.

Please continue to report incidents and support this important work: [Report an environmental issue](#).

Shaping the future of play areas

The council is developing a new Play Area Strategy to help shape how our play areas are managed in the future, with a focus on accessibility, funding, usage, future provision and supporting active travel.

The strategy will apply to council-owned play areas, recognising that some sites are managed separately by town and parish councils.

I encourage residents, families and community groups to share their views and help us ensure our play areas meet the needs of local communities now and in the future.

The consultation is open until 21 June 2026. To find out more and take part, please visit: [Play Area Strategy](#).



Upcoming meetings

Stay informed: Watch upcoming council meetings

You can watch Executive and Full Council meetings live, or catch up afterwards, via our official [Democratic Services YouTube channel](#).

Full details for each meeting, including dates, agendas and papers, are available on our [ModernGov meetings portal](#).

Upcoming meetings:

- [Executive – Tuesday 9 June from 10am](#).
- [Full Council – Thursday 25 June from 6pm](#).



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.
- [Isham Neighbourhood Plan: Targeted Consultation](#) – Closes 12 June 2026.
- [Have your say on the future of Wellingborough Town Centre](#) – Closes 12 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 Kingswood, Hazel Leys and Exeter Neighbourhood Board for £20million Pride in Place programme announced](#)
- [New Members of Youth Parliament announced](#)
- [Watch now: How residents came together for 'Time to Talk' mental health webinar](#)
- [Extensive programme of road repairs to start](#)
- [Three brand new family friendly events are coming to The Chester House Estate this May half term](#)
- [Additional road closures planned for essential works on the A6](#)

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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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