Leader's Update

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Introduction and Welcome!

Welcome to my latest Update.

The meeting of the Northamptonshire County Council Full Council last week was varied and wide-ranging, with Members asking questions on a variety of topics. Among the many updates we gave Members were: we intend to be council-led with the Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) process, we are working with our partners on our response to the Government's Devolution White Paper, we are continuing our work to ensure our Children's Services are on the right footing, we are working with our partners on our response to the Government's Fair Funding Review, we are supporting the Council's Leader of the Labour Group, Cllr Matt Keane, Deputy Leader of the Labour Group, Cllr Lizzy Bowen, and Cllr Paul Bell, who represents Oundle, who are all seeking cancer treatment, and we are supporting our Chairman, Cllr Tom Partridge-Sharpe.

Our Council is now in its 'purdah period' which means we can't make any decisions. The Council will conclude a number of reports on a range of areas including a proposed joint Northamptonshire Pension Fund, our Statement of Accounts, our Annual Governance Statement, our Annual Report, our Annual Complaints Report, our Annual Report on Children's Services, our Annual Report on Adult Social Care, our Annual Report on Public Health, our Annual Report on Safeguarding and our Annual Report on Corporate Parenting.

We will be the Council and the Full Council keeps close to discuss our shared commitments to our residents, our partners and our staff during the Local Government Reorganisation process. We will be ensuring that our Scrutiny Committees are fully engaged in this process and that we are fully accountable and subject to the Scrutiny process, as we embark on the biggest change to local government in our lifetimes. We will be ensuring that our Scrutiny Committees are able to scrutinise the Government's Devolution White Paper and the Government's Fair Funding Review, as well as our own Devolution Proposals. It is proposing that there should be 30 councillors representing four single member divisions and one two member division. We will be ensuring that our Scrutiny Committees are able to scrutinise our own Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation, which we will be submitting to the Government on 28 November. We will be ensuring that our Scrutiny Committees are able to scrutinise our own Proposals for our Unitary Council.

The consultation on our only proposal for the future of Adult Social Care and Children's Services ended on 18 May. We received over 1,500 responses to the consultation. We are now considering the responses to the consultation and will be publishing our response to the consultation in the coming weeks.

Our Council would like to understand how we think about local Government services in Northamptonshire. We want to understand what our residents and businesses think about our services and expenditure and we want to improve working services and to help shape future services, communities and places. We want our residents and our businesses to be involved in shaping our future services and our future places. We want our residents and our businesses to be involved in our Local Government Reorganisation and our Unitary Council proposals.

Thank you to those of you who shared your views on the proposed plans for antisocial behaviour and community safety in our County. We received over 1,500 responses to our consultation. We will be considering the responses to our consultation and will be publishing our response to our consultation in the coming weeks. We want our residents and our businesses to be involved in our communities and changes, and take place over the year.

We are working with our partners on our Devolution Proposals. Our Devolution Proposals have an area of about 1 million people, which is the Government's preferred size for a Devolution Deal.

The Government wants place to work further and closely with local stakeholders, including Parish and Town Councils, District and Borough Councils, the Police and Fire and Rescue Services, Universities, Colleges, Health Partners, the Voluntary and Community Sector, Business and Employers and Trade Unions.

Following Operation Plague Trader, we had to recruit our Trading Standards team by Consent. We have now recruited our Trading Standards team by Consent. We are now able to carry out our Trading Standards duties and responsibilities. We are now able to carry out our Trading Standards duties and responsibilities in our communities and our businesses.

Our Council would like to understand how our Children's Services Trust is performing. We want to understand what our residents and our businesses think about our Children's Services Trust. We want our residents and our businesses to be involved in our Children's Services Trust. We want our residents and our businesses to be involved in our Children's Services Trust and our Children's Services. We are working with our partners on our Children's Services Trust and our Children's Services. We are working with our partners on our Children's Services Trust and our Children's Services. We are working with our partners on