

NNC Report from Cllr Vicki Jessop - February 2026

Political:

Cllr Jennie Bone (Higham Ferrers) has left the Conservative Group and joined Reform.

2026/2027 Budget:

Budget Headlines for agreement at Council on 19 February 2026 after this week's Budget Executive meeting:

A balanced general fund budget for 2026-27 of **£432.469m**.

Further investment of c. **£47.3m** to cover cost increases in services, notably Adult Social Care (£17.7m) and Children's Services (£12.2m).

Cost pressures to be offset by savings, efficiencies and income generation of **£20.1m** with the remainder being met through improved business rates income, council tax income and Government grants.

An increase in Council Tax consisting of **2.99%** for the "core" council tax and **2%** for the Adult Social Care precept, which results in a new Band D equivalent Council Tax of £1,918.23, an average weekly increase of £1.75 (based on Band D equivalent).

No change to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme which will continue at 25%.

Proposed amendment by Shadow Conservative Group to reduce CT to 3.9% using £2.4m contingency fund with zero effect on balanced budget and savings proposed.

Transport:

Note to residents to report a defect:

Use the HORT (Highways Online Reporting Tool) [North Northamptonshire Council FixMyStreet](#)

Don't use the third party Fix My Street app/link.

Call immediately in an emergency for flooding, fallen branches or trees, or sinkholes so it can be **investigated immediately**:

0300 126 3000 – 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

01604 651074 – Outside of office hours.

Housing:

Landlords Forum – a free event for landlords offering practical advice, updates and guidance on the Renters Rights Act

7pm to 9pm on Monday 23 March in the Council Chamber at The Cube in Corby.
Booking - [North Northamptonshire Council's Landlord Forum Tickets, Mon 23 Mar 2026 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Empty Properties – a consultation is running on an empty homes strategy to deal with the 400 long term empty properties in North Northamptonshire.

[North Northamptonshire's Empty Homes Strategy - North Northamptonshire Council - Citizen Space](#)

Closes: Midnight 1 March 2026.

Grants:

Ward Empowerment Fund – Small grants available to apply from your Councillors. Open to Parish Councils, charities, community & voluntary groups and other clubs. **Closes: End of March 2026.**

I will keep you updated on NNC matters and any queries on the above or council services contact myself vicki.jessop@northnorthants.gov.uk or my colleague Cllr Scott Brown scott.brown@northnorthants.gov.uk