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NWL News

North West Leicestershire District Council appoints new Chief Executive

At a meeting of Full Council on Tuesday 10 May 2022,



councillors agreed to appoint Allison Thomas, who will join the authority in August. Allison Thomas is currently Strategic Director for Service Delivery at neighbouring South Derbyshire District Council, a role she has held for four years.

Picture of Allison Thomas, the Chief Executive of North West Leicestershire District Council. Before this, Allison spent 21 years with Derbyshire County Council in a variety of roles, including Service Director for Transport and the Environment.

Speaking of her appointment, Allison Thomas said: "Working just across the border in South Derbyshire, I've been impressed by the work that North West Leicestershire District Council does with its strong track record of partnership working, and I'm looking forward to taking up my position as Chief Executive.

"I'm looking forward to meeting colleagues at the council and across partnership organisations, and really getting to know the district through the council's work."

To provide leadership in the time before Allison takes up the position, NWLDC has appointed an interim Chief Executive Joanna Davidson, an experienced Chief Executive and local government consultant, who took up the position last week.

Energy Rebate Payment Update

Payments will be made in daily batches to a total of 27,333 customers starting with customers who paid by direct debit on 1 April before moving onto those who paid on 14 April then those who paid on the 28 April.

We expect to have made payments to the majority of direct debit customers by the end of May.

There are a small number of direct debit customers for whom payments will take longer to process. For instance, if the name of the bank account is different from the name of the council tax account holder we will send a letter to collect your rebate from the Post Office. This is a manual process so please advise people to bear with us. If we cannot match your direct debit and council tax account details, residents will receive a letter within the next three weeks with instructions on how to claim their payment at the post office.

What if they don't pay by direct debit?

If residents don't pay their council tax by direct debit they will receive a letter within the next three weeks with instructions on how to claim their payment at the Post Office. Residents don't need to apply for this, if they are eligible, they will receive their payment.

For households who need help with their energy bills but are not eligible for the main energy rebate payment, the details of the discretionary scheme will be published shortly. We are still awaiting software to allow these payments to be processed.



Training/Information



Cyber Security workshop for Councillors in the East Midlands

East Midlands Councils, working collaboratively with the East Midlands Special Operations Unit is hosting two free webinar for Councillors on cyber security.

Cyber Security is the protection of your hardware, software and data from unauthorised access and cyber-attacks.

With the current news around global conflicts, we are seeing a real increase in targeted cybercrime, to combat this, we will cover topics around securing your digital footprint, securing your social media, how to work in public using technology and practical tips. You will gain a broad understanding of what additional services law enforcement can offer you! Hear from East Midlands Special Operations Cyber Protect Officers on the latest threats and on how you can keep yourself safe online.

EMSOU - A collaborative unit of officers and staff from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire police forces tackling the most serious, organised and violent crime, countering terrorism and extremism and providing forensic services on behalf of the region.

Available options

- 27 May 2022, 10am - 11am
- 8 June 2022, 3pm - 4pm

Virtual workshop using MS Teams.

[BOOK HERE](#)

New Chairman

New Chairman of North West Leicestershire announced



At a meeting of North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC) Full Council on Tuesday 10 May 2022, outgoing Chairman Councillor Virge Richici announced that the first citizen of the district would be Councillor Boam. Councillor John Bridges was appointed Deputy Chairman.

Councillor Boam, who has represented the Valley ward since 2015, announced that as well as chairing Full Council meetings and representing the authority at a host of events across Leicestershire, his charity of the year is Hospice Hope.

He said: "It's a big honour to become Chairman for the year, I am really looking forward to it."

Staffing Changes at NWLDC

Chris Lambert, Head of Housing retired on the 13 May. We have an interim Head of Housing who joined us on the 3 May. Karen Connell is an experienced Head of Service with extensive previous experience of interim placements at a range of different organisations. The intention is that she will be with us for 9 to 12 months to allow the new Chief Executive to start.

Rosie Biggs, Horticultural Development Officer has now left the authority. Rosie has taken a position at South Derbyshire District Council. If you need to speak to anyone from grounds maintenance please contact Paul.Ashmore@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, Open Space and Parks Team Leader.

Claire Preston who is the Waste Services Team Manager will be leaving the NWLDC on 5 June. We wish her well at her new authority. If you have any Waste Services enquiries please contact Mick Hughes@nwleicestershire.gov.uk, Waste Operations Manager.

Parish Liaison

Thank you to Kelly Grove of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council who has kindly offered to lead on the next Parish Liaison meeting in June.

Date and location is to be confirmed but Kelly will be emailing you all to find out if you have any topics you wish covering or if you wish to present a project at the meeting.

If you wish to make suggestions prior to this please email clerk@odapc.co.uk

Garden Waste Payment Service Now Live

The online form for residents to pay for the [additional garden waste service](#) is now live! Please see the link below to the form which is now live.

[Additional garden waste service payment form](#)

The communication below was delivered by post to every household during the week commencing 9 May, ahead of the service beginning on 1 June 2022.

We have also emailed the link to customers who have registered their interest in the service on Tuesday.

Changes to garden waste collections

- From 1 June 2022, if you have more than one garden waste bin you would like us to empty, you will need to subscribe to the additional garden waste service.
- The charge for 2022/23 is £45 per extra garden bin
- Pay now online at www.nwleics.gov.uk/paygardenwaste or by calling 01530 454545

For more information visit www.nwleics.gov.uk/extragardenwaste_faqs
Please recycle this postcard in the yellow bag when you're finished with it



Ukraine English courses

GoLearn! and Leicestershire County Council are offering FREE ESOL courses (English for Speakers of Other Languages) for Ukrainian refugees in Leicestershire. Details for how to make contact are on the [Support for Ukraine page](#). Please share through your communities.

Information



Leicestershire Annual Parish Liaison Event – Monday 4 July 2022

LRALC and LCC would like to invite Leicestershire parishes to this year's Annual Parish Liaison Event which will take place on the evening of Monday 4 July 2022 at County Hall, Glenfield.

The event will begin with a Market Place of LCC service departments and Partner Agencies offering information, advice, and guidance on a variety of topics. Jonathan Owen, CEO of NALC will be providing a national update, and the focus of this year's event following a vote by Parishes will be focused on the topics of Climate Emergency, Levelling Up Agenda and Neighbourhood Planning.

To register for the Parish Liaison Event visit: [Parish Council Liaison Event 2022 - Connecting Communities](#) (leicestershirecommunities.org.uk)

NALC Star Council Awards - Final Call



Do you know any councillors that have done extraordinary work? In particular, any young councillors (aged 18-40)?

How about a local council that's gone above and beyond to deliver for their community? Maybe your clerk has gone the extra mile to support the council and councillors? And is your county association worthy of recognition for their work supporting councils?

If you do or the answer is yes, can I encourage you to submit a nomination to NALC's Star Councils Awards and make sure they are rightly recognised.

The closing date is 27 May so do get your nomination in quickly!