

**REPORT TO:** Town Council – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
**REPORT ON:** Recommendations from Committees  
**REPORT BY:** Town Clerk  
**REPORT DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

**Community Services Committee – 3rd December 2018**

No recommendations.

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**Planning and Development Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

No recommendations.

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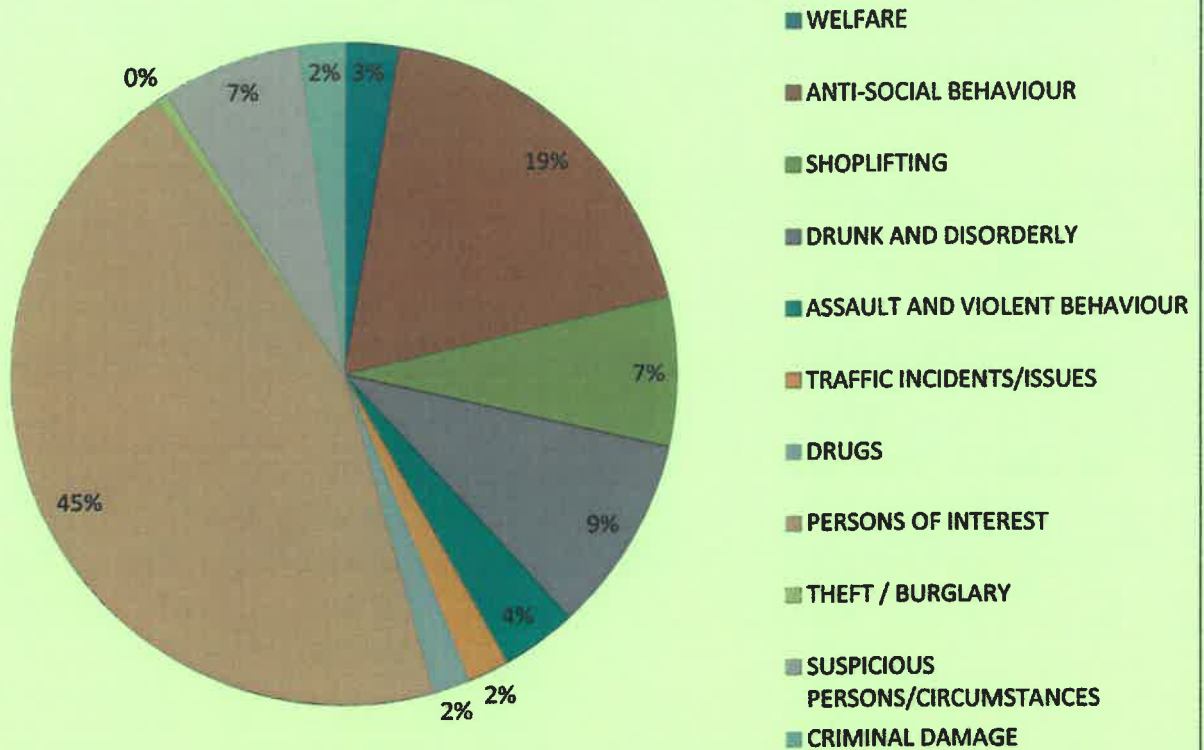
**Finance and Policy Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**FP1814.6 POLICIES**

<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	(i) That the Co-Option Policy, be approved.
	(ii) That the Recording of Meetings Policy, be approved.

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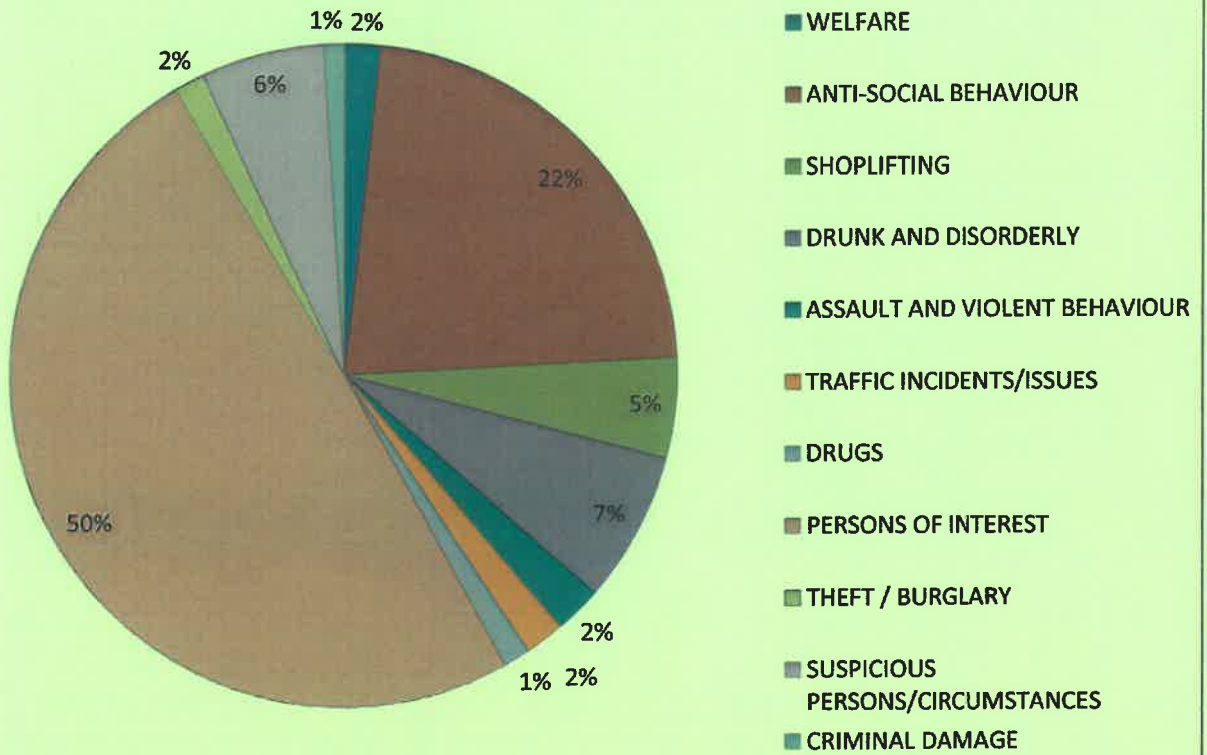
## October 2018



INCIDENTS	INCIDENT NUMBERS
WELFARE ( Missing Persons, Homeless, accident or someone requiring an ambulance etc)	25
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	177
SHOPLIFTING	68
DRUNK AND DISORDERLY	91
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS/ISSUES (Inc Parking Issues)	19
ASSAULT / VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	35
DRUGS	17
PERSONS OF INTEREST (Persons known to either the CCTV control room or Northamptonshire Police. Persons acting suspiciously)	424
THEFT / BURGLARY	5
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/CIRCUMSTANCES	64
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	7

- In October Daventry Town **CCTV** had a direct involvement in all the above 932 Incidents.

## November 2018



INCIDENTS	INCIDENT NUMBERS
WELFARE ( Missing Persons, Homeless, accident or someone requiring an ambulance etc)	17
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	224
SHOPLIFTING	49
DRUNK AND DISORDERLY	73
TRAFFIC INCIDENTS/ISSUES (Inc Parking Issues)	19
ASSAULT / VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR	37
DRUGS	13
PERSONS OF INTEREST (Persons known to either the CCTV control room or Northamptonshire Police. Persons acting suspiciously)	494
THEFT / BURGLARY	15
SUSPICIOUS PERSONS/CIRCUMSTANCES	59
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	10

- In November Daventry Town CCTV had a direct involvement in all the above 1010 Incidents.





# Local Government Reform Update

3 December 2018

## **Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government launches consultation on unitary proposal and announces postponement of elections**

The Government consultation has launched following proposals submitted by Northamptonshire councils back in August 2018.

SoS, James Brokenshire has announced that he will consult with all principal councils in Northamptonshire, principal councils neighbouring Northamptonshire, Northamptonshire Chamber of Commerce, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership, the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner, local health bodies, the University of Northampton, and representatives of the voluntary sector.

He also welcomes views from any interested people, including local residents and organisations.

The consultation period will run for eight weeks until 25 January 2019 and is available online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/the-proposed-reorganisation-of-local-government-in-northamptonshire>

Paper copies will also be available shortly in public offices and buildings of all the Northamptonshire councils.

For those unable to complete the consultation online, a copy of the document can be printed out via the link above to complete and submit via post. Instructions are on page 5 with a postal address.

Mr Brokenshire has also announced that following a request from the eight Northamptonshire councils, he will be postponing district and parish elections that were due to be held in May 2019 until May 2020. Should he decide to implement the proposal of two unitary authorities, it would have meant district and parish councillors serving only one year before unitary authority elections would be held in 2020. He explains: "Elections in such circumstances risk confusing voters and would involve significant costs that would be hard to justify...Accordingly, I have concluded that irrespective of whatever my future decision might be on the restructuring proposal, the right course is to postpone these elections."

Cllr Chris Millar – Leader  
Ian Vincent – Chief Executive  
Daventry District Council

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As per previous discussions on local government reform, the current position is that

- A Parliamentary Order has been laid to postpone Northamptonshire elections (councillors will continue in their position until May 2020)
- The Government has begun its consultation to replace the 7 Districts/Boroughs with 2 Unitary Councils
- If approval is given a structural change order will be made, most likely end of March '19.
- Shadow cabinet in place, early summer '19.
- Unitary Authority in place April 2020.

Since July 2018 the Town Council has sought to engage in dialogue for the transfer of assets and services to the Town Council, to preserve the ownership and management of existing open spaces and community buildings for future generations.

The Council's Chief Officer attended a meeting with the Chief Executive of Daventry District Council (DDC) on 30<sup>th</sup> August, to advise the Town Council's wish to engage in dialogue in relation to the transfer of assets and devolution of services. The Chief Executive of DDC advised that the focus was currently on the formation of the 7 District and Boroughs to agree a transition process in the event of a unitary authority being imposed and that the DDC welcomed any proposals/projects that would enhance preserve the Town.

The Town Council gave due to consideration to areas where their would be public benefit in the transfer of services and its capacity to deliver those services and wrote to the District Council advising them of its wish to engage in meaningful dialogue to achieve the Town Council's aims.

The Chief Officer attended a further meeting with the Chief Executive and Business Manager of DDC, on 15<sup>th</sup> November, to establish the feasibility and willingness of the DDC to work with the Town Council to achieve its aims. The Chief Officer was advised that the DDC needed to build up its institutional capacity to give the DDC and any new unitary confidence in its ability to reliably manage and deliver assets/services. The Clerk acknowledged the position taken by the officers of the DDC and requested a meeting between appointed members of both the DDC and DTC as this was a matter for Council members to consider and agree not officers.

On 10<sup>th</sup> December a meeting was held between representatives of Daventry Town Council (DTC) and Daventry District Council (DDC), to discuss potential for transfer of assets and/or devolution of services to DTC.

Representatives from DDC were; Simon Bowers, Business Manager, Ian Vincent, Chief Executive Officer, DDC Cllr David James, Abbey North Ward and portfolio holder for Economic Regeneration and Employment, DDC Cllr Colin Morgan, Abbey South Ward and portfolio holder for Resources

Representatives from DTC were; Deborah Jewell, Chief Officer, DTC Cllr Lynn Jones, Chairman of DTC, DTC Cllr Ted Nicholl, DTC Cllr Lynne Taylor

DTC members questioned the reasons why the DDC were not willing to consider transferring any assets/services

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DDC responded that the DDC had a duty to preserve the freedom and flexibility of assets and services for the new Unitary Authority. Members of the DTC were not accepting of this opinion and challenged that it was the Town Council's duty and the duty of the DDC to ensure the Town's heritage, which included the open spaces and community assets, were preserved and transferred to the Town Council as the rightful custodian.

All agreed that it was important that the Town's assets and open spaces were preserved for the benefit of the Town, but legislation and contractual obligations prevented any transfer. The DTC challenged the legal reasons for restricting any transfer and it was agreed that the Council's Chief Officer would seek legal advice that would contest the legal position held by the DDC on the transfer of the New Street Recreation Ground, Open spaces and the Market.

**Summary of Assets/Services discussed:**

**Litter picking:** Chief Officer to investigate taking on this service and report back to council.

**Holy Cross Churchyard:** Not to be progressed at this stage.

**Play Areas:** Chief officer to seek legal advice and ensure play areas include surrounding green spaces.

**Health and Wellbeing Forum:** DDC to seek approval from Forum on DTC being appointed as secretariat for this Forum.

**Love Daventry:** DDC to note DTC's request and make necessary arrangements to ensure brand and logo are transferred to a local authority organisation that represents Daventry.

**Daventry Market:** Chief Officer to investigate legal options for the Town Council to hold the licence for the market in Daventry Town.

**Public Square:** DDC to note DTC's willingness to manage and maintain open public space in proposed cinema development.

**Borough Hill and Country Park:** DDC noted DTCs interest in ownership and management of these assets. DDC advised as this was a District wide facility it would be transferred to unitary to be managed and maintained with other similar facilities in the new unitary authorities area.

**Commercial Property:** Ownership of any commercial property in the Town was not negotiable.

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Report on : Mayors Engagements

Report by: Administrator

Report Date: 14th December 2018

**Mayor Cllr Lynn Jones**

Saturday 1st December 2018

Friday 7th December 2018

Sunday 9th December 2018

Wednesday 12th December 2018

Thursday 13th December 2018

Sunday 16th December 2018

Thursday 20th December 2018

**Engagements**

Daventry Choral Society - Christmas Concert, The Holy Cross Church

Daventry Tigers End of Year Award Ceremony, Tigers Indoor Play

Christmas Carol Service, Peterborough Cathedral

Daventry District Scout Carol, Methodist Church

Tree of Love Service, The Cathedral of Our Lady & St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton

Service of Lessons and Carols, The Hold Cross Church

Carol Service, HMP Onley

**Deputy Mayor Cllr Mike Arnold**

**Engagements**