

Parish Council Update - Naseby 4 June 2026:

I am sorry that I won't be at Naseby Parish Council meeting this month. Please accept my apologies. Here is a short update from me and I shall be grateful if you can share it with Council. Please do get in touch if there is anything you need from me.

I'm planning to be at your Neighbourhood Development Plan meeting on Saturday so hope to see some of you there. The offer of meeting councillors for a coffee is still on the table!

WNC

We have started the second year of this current council. At the AGM on 21 May a new Chair and Vice Chair were appointed. Cllr Fiona Baker, a Conservative Councillor who represents the Brackley ward, is this year's Chair and Cllr Anthony Locke, Daventry South, is the new Vice Chair.

There have been two changes to the Cabinet. Cllr Charlie Hastie, Woodford & Weedon ward is the new Deputy Council Leader and retains his Housing and Communities portfolio, and Cllr Kamala Guliyeva, another Daventry South ward councillor is appointed Cabinet member for Local Economy, Culture and Leisure. All other portfolios are as last year.

Recruitment is underway for a new Director of Place in preparation for Stuart Timmis's retirement in the Autumn. Whilst I won't have a decision making part in the appointment I shall be on the Member's Panel which reports back to the Senior Appointments Committee. Interviews take place on Thursday this week.

Council will resume the process of looking for a new Chief Executive once the Director of Place position has been offered.

On Tuesday 26 May the Place and Resources Scrutiny Committee heard a 'Call in' regarding the recent cabinet decision around the Waste Contract to bring all areas of WNC into line with the 1,2,3+ Waste collection schedule that we already have in the Daventry area. Having heard the case brought, the committee resolved to take no further action and the decision made by Cabinet on 5th May stands. To be clear, there will be **no change for wards in the Daventry area** - we've been on this schedule since 2008.

A Local Plan Workshop has taken place for rural ward councillors. I attended this on 14 May. A second briefing is on 11 June for all members.

At the Cabinet meeting next week the final figures for 2025/26 will be presented. The forecast outturn position for 2025-26 is an overspend of £7.0m after the use of £11.4m of general budget contingencies, which were set aside in the budget for risks that may crystallise in the current financial year. The £7m is being funded by risk reserves which is the first time that this has happened since the inception of WNC.

Kind regards
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