

# Mini eUpdate from Northants CALC

To Member Councils in Northamptonshire:

[Please read and circulate to all councillors]

## National Two-Minute Silence to Mark VJ Day 80

On Monday, the government announced a national two-minute silence on **Friday 15 August 2025** to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and encouraged members of the public to participate. A Service of Remembrance will honour and remember those who fought and died during the Second World War in the Far East at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, which will be broadcast live on BBC1 from midday. For the latest information and ways to get involved, please visit the dedicated interactive website at <https://ve-vjday80.gov.uk/>.

## Internal Audit Service

The Northants CALC Internal Audit Service (IAS) provides internal audit to around 80% of the county's parish and town councils. Yesterday, our panel of Internal Auditors (IAs) had its end-of-year wash up meeting to compare notes on common issues arising during the audit of the year ending 31 March 2025 and to begin the preparations for the audit of the year ending 31 March 2026. At the meeting I presented the results of our IAS Satisfaction survey (thank you to all those that responded) and I am pleased to report that **an incredible 98% of respondents said they would recommend the IAS to another council!** A full report on the survey will be in the July/August eUpdate. If your council doesn't yet use the IAS and doesn't have a PIALC-qualified internal auditor, please contact Sophie Harding ([sharding@northantscalc.gov.uk](mailto:sharding@northantscalc.gov.uk)) for details of how your council can join for the current financial year.

## Asset Devolution

On Wednesday, the West Northamptonshire Council (WNC) Cabinet met for an epic five-hour meeting (watch again at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwULicM-SN8>). One of the items on the agenda was to consider the transfer of **Cracks Hill**, a 20-acre amenity site to Crick Parish Council and a small parcel of **land at High Street, Wootton** to Wootton Parish Council. Both transfers were agreed, at £1 each. The associated report (see <https://tinyurl.com/mrb5hdcr>) says *"The proposed freehold transfer is consistent with the principles that assets such as this would deliver greater benefit if they were managed within, and by, the communities that they serve."* Whilst, Northants CALC has been pushing that line for over a decade, this is a rare example of it being implemented by a principal council. In agreeing the transfers, WNC Leader Cllr Mark Arnall said: *"I think it is very important that we look at these sites and transfers to parish councils where they can do good. I will work with the Director of Assets and Estates to look at future transfers where they are appropriate for the benefit of the community"*.

## Independent Remuneration Panel Member Wanted

North Northamptonshire Council (NNC) operates a scheme of members' allowances for its councillors based upon the recommendations of an **Independent Remuneration Panel**. All councillors receive a basic allowance, and certain councillors and other co-opted members also receive special responsibility allowances as office holders. The council is looking to appoint up to five members of the Independent Remuneration Panel to review the Members Allowances Scheme from time to time and recommend its findings to the council. The post is not salaried, but each Independent Remuneration Panel Member will receive an allowance of £500 per review undertaken, plus expenses. Further information regarding the role, including how to apply for a recruitment pack, can be found at <https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/news/north-northamptonshire-council-invites-applications-role-independent-remuneration-panel-member>. The closing date for applications is **Monday 28 July 2025**.

### Local Council Vacancies

**Collyweston Parish Council** has a vacancy for a Clerk/RFO working 10 hours per week. Collyweston is a small village with 450 electors and is the second most northerly parish in Northamptonshire. The council has 7 seats and the precept for 2025/26 is £31,000. The deadline for applications is **TODAY, 18 July 2025**.

**Northampton Town Council**, which is the largest parish or town council in England, has a vacancy for an **Administrative Support Officer** (ASO) to complement its growing operations. The post is full time with a salary of £28,624 – £31,586. The ASO will provide administrative support to the Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. This is an excellent opportunity for someone to get involved in local government with an exciting, growing, council. The closing date for applications is **24 August 2025**.

From **Moulton Parish Council**: "Moulton Parish Council is one of the largest and most active parish councils in Northamptonshire and holds the Quality Gold Local Council Award. One of our lovely team members will be taking time off over the summer to recover from surgery, creating a temporary opportunity for a **Parish Administrator** to join us. Flexible working hours are available, with the option to be based at Moulton Community Centre or to work from home. The role requires approximately 10 hours per week, Monday to Friday, starting mid/late July and ending late September/early October. Rate of pay £15.50 per hour. The Parish Administrator is a vital part of our team, supporting the smooth day-to-day operation of the council. This is an excellent opportunity for someone currently working as a Clerk in a smaller parish who is looking to gain experience in a larger, busy council or simply seeking additional hours". Please contact Jane Austin, Executive Officer on 01604 642202 or [officer@moultonnorthants-pc.gov.uk](mailto:officer@moultonnorthants-pc.gov.uk) for further information.

**Rothwell Town Council** has a vacancy for a **Town Council Administrator**, who will work under the instruction of the Clerk & RFO to ensure the smooth running of the Town Council and Health and Wellbeing Offer. 16 hours per week, Monday to Thursday, £12.50 per hour. Rothwell is an historic town just off the A14, 5 miles northwest of Kettering. There are 6,867 electors and the council has 12 seats. The precept for 2025/26 is £220,000. This is an exciting opportunity to join a growing and progressive town council.

Details of all vacancies are at <https://northantscalc.gov.uk/council-vacancies>.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Danny.