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Welcome

Welcome to the October issue of the Town and Parish Digest. We produce the digest every two months to help keep you up-to-date with what's happening across the council.

The Town and Parish Digest is put together by the Policy and Transformation team to communicate key messages to towns and parishes and to keep you informed on issues. It also signposts you to where further information can be found.

If you have a contribution you would like to make or any comments on the bulletin please contact [Rhiannon Jones](#), Policy and Partnerships Development Officer, by email or on 01934 884 204.

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Planning for future housing

There is an opportunity to find out about planning for housing and infrastructure over the next 20 years. North Somerset Council's Site Allocations Plan identifies the sites where 20,985 homes will be built up to 2026. Looking further ahead the Joint Spatial Plan which is a West of England wide document identifies an additional 39,000 homes over the whole of the West of England area and looks further ahead to 2036. Both documents will be published for comments in November and December 2016 and local councils, residents and businesses will be able to give their own views on the plans.

Consultation on the first draft of the Site Allocations plan took place earlier this year and all comments received were considered. The plan allocates sites to meet our North Somerset housing requirement, as well as businesses and, schools and to protect the much valued green spaces, ecology and historic buildings and places. Following this consultation the plan will be put before an independent examiner next spring.

The Joint Spatial Plan looks further forward to 2036 and following consultation on the issues and options last year, some likely options are now being suggested. A transport vision is also being developed alongside the JSP to look at transport infrastructure across the West of England.

Town and Parish councils have been invited to a briefing on 1 November at 10.00 in the New Council Chamber where the two plans will be explained. Councils are asked to limit attendees to two per council due to space constraints.

[Michael Reep](#), Planning Policy Manager, 01934 426 775

Article 4 Direction – Bristol Airport

The council are proposing to make an Article 4 Direction to remove permitted development rights granted by Schedule 2 Part 4 Class B of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development)(England) Order 2015.

The Direction is intended to cover 38 square miles of the Green Belt around the airport and its purpose is to remove the permitted development rights for the temporary use of any land for 28 days in any calendar year, primarily to tackle unauthorised airport parking sites in the Green Belt. It is proposed to make an Article 4 Direction which will come into effect on 1 January 2017 and will be enforced from 1 January 2018.

A copy of the direction and a map defining the area to which it relates may be inspected on line at <http://consult-ldf.n-somerset.gov.uk/consult.fi> from 24 October 2016 until 22 December 2016 or at The Town Hall Weston-super-Mare BS23 1TG, Castlewood Tickenham Road Clevedon BS21 6FW, North Somerset Mobile Library (please see website for timetable or call 01934 888888), Congresbury Library Parish Rooms Station Road Congresbury BS49 5DX, Long Ashton Library Lovelinch Gardens Long Ashton BS41 9AH and Nailsea Library Somerset Square Nailsea Bristol BS48 1RQ.

A copy of the direction and notice will be emailed to all town and parish clerks before 24 October 2016 along with a site notice. Could you please post the site notice on your noticeboard or an alternative location from 24 October 2016 until 22 December 2016 and make the Direction and plan available to anybody who wish to view it.

Any representations concerning the Direction should be made online at <http://consult-ldf.n-somerset.gov.uk/consult.fi> or by post to North Somerset Council to the Town Hall address (Post Point 15) above or via email Planning.policy@n-somerset.gov.uk between 1 November 2016 and 1 December 2016.

Extra Care Housing

What is it?

Extra Care Housing is housing designed with the needs of older people in mind and with varying levels of care and support available on site. People who live in Extra Care Housing have their own self-contained homes, their own front doors and a legal right to occupy the property. Extra care Housing normally also includes a restaurant or dining room, residents' lounge, guest suite, assisted bathing facility and scooter store. Domestic support and personal care are available, usually provided by on-site staff including a 24 hour presence. The support is delivered as agreed in a care plan with emergency support available if needed. Properties can be rented, owned or part owned/part rented.

Extra care schemes aim to offer a home for life but there are instances where this is not possible. For instance some nursing needs can be met at home by visiting staff but where the needs are for 24 hour medical monitoring a person may need to move into a nursing home. In the case of dementia most needs can be accommodated within the scheme but again if an individual's condition deteriorates to the point where constant monitoring is required a placement with higher staffing ratios may be required.

Why is it desirable?

The advantages of living in an extra care scheme include:

- A flat is your own home which you can furnish as you please.
- A flat is more manageable than a family sized home, the flats are level within, doorways are wider and shower facilities in the flat are fully accessible.
- More support can be provided than in the general community but there is much more independence and choice than there would be in a residential home.
- As well as care needs Extra Care offers low level support such as a mid-day meal.
- Community activities and trips out can address loneliness and isolation.
- Extra Care offers a more economical way of supporting people which will allow the public purse to continue to meet the needs of the increasing older population.

What does it cost?

In extra care housing an individual would have to pay their rent or mortgage and a service charge which covers the costs of maintaining the properties, the communal facilities and providing the housing management services. Residents are responsible for paying individual utility bills, contents insurance, telephone connections and bills and meal costs if these are not provided as an integral part of the tenancy. In some schemes taking a meal is a condition of tenancy in order to maintain the viability of the restaurant service.

Residents are also responsible for paying for any care and support services they require. The cost of this will vary, a full financial assessment will determine whether there are any additional welfare benefits which they are entitled to claim and what the assessed maximum weekly contribution they will be asked to pay towards the cost of their care.

Most schemes have some activities available, these are usually charged for as and when an individual takes part but contributions may be expected to a tenants association or social club fund depending on the individual arrangements at a scheme.

Where is it?

There are 5 schemes in North Somerset which the Council can nominate people for:

Waverley Court is in Portishead and has 60 flats. There are options to buy at this scheme. The council can nominate people for 45 of the flats and the others are available to rent or buy by other interested parties.

Lakeside Court is in Worle and has 33 flats to rent.

Diamond Court is also in Worle and has 53 flats to rent.

Sandford Station is at Sandford and has 107 properties of mixed tenure. The Council can nominate people for 15 flats on the scheme.

Tamar Court will soon be opening in Worle and has 64 properties of mixed tenure. The council can nominate people for 32 flats on the scheme.

North Somerset has nomination rights into all of the schemes listed above. If an individual wishes to be nominated by the council for a flat they are required to have some need for care which North Somerset Council would be responsible for funding and will be assessed to establish this. The person also needs to be on the housing register and this application can be made at the time of their assessment. They will also have a financial assessment to establish what contribution they will be making towards care costs. If an individual is paying independently they can approach the schemes to enquire about availability of flats to rent or purchase privately.

For further information please contact [Jenny Cooper](#), Strategy and Policy Development Officer, 01275 884 678.

Getting ready for winter: Grit Bin update

Due to the mild winters over the last couple of years, generally most of the salt stocks in the existing bins remain at a high level and therefore need no replenishment. The decision has been made not to routinely send resources to visit every bin regardless of stock levels. If the Town and Parish Councils, or Snow Wardens where applicable, could advise us of bin levels we can direct resources in a more productive & cost efficient way.

Please send any requests for grit bin top ups to streetsandopenspaces@n-somerset.gov.uk. Or Tel: Council Connect on 01934 888 802

If you have any questions please contact Area Manager [Paul Smart](#)



Snow Warden Opportunity

More Volunteers are being sought for the Snow Warden Scheme, to help make towns and parishes more resilient this winter. A series of training workshops are being organised to train local volunteers:

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| 9 th November | Castlewood | 11.00 |
| 14 th November | Town Hall | 11.30 |
| 17 th November | Town Hall | 18:30 |
| 24 th November | Castlewood | 13:30 |
| 30 th November | Town Hall | 13:30 |



Please encourage your community to be a part of this scheme – joining forces to help keep those crucial local routes open through any snow event. Click link to [poster](#)

The 2016 Snow Warden Season has now been launched. We have over 100 Wardens volunteering with us in 25 communities. Each area is asked to nominate a coordinator to be a point of contact with North Somerset and their Town and Parish Council and they should be getting in touch in the next few weeks to work with you to identify any community needs.

For more information or to register interest in the scheme please contact Hannah Brown Resilient Communities Support Officer on 01934 426322 or email snow.warden@n-somerset.gov.uk

Recycling

Give your unwanted electrical equipment a new home

Unwanted electrical equipment and furniture can find a new home during a series of reuse events in North Somerset this month.

North Somerset Council is holding the events in partnership with social enterprise Changing Lives, which collects, recycles and reuses donated household goods to support low-income families.

Anyone with unwanted electrical equipment or furniture can take it along to one of these events or to any of the three recycling centres in North Somerset throughout the year.

Only items that can be moved comfortably by two people will be accepted.

Visit...

- Hangstones Pavilion, Stowey Road, Yatton – 4-6.30pm, Tuesday 1 November
- Dundry Village Hall, Crabtree Lane – 4-6.30pm, Monday 7 November
- Hutton Village Hall, Main Road, Hutton - 9am-noon, Saturday 12 November
- Old School Rooms, Station Road, Congresbury - 4-6.30pm, Wednesday 16 November
- Village Hall, Keedwell Hill, Long Ashton - 4-6.30pm, Tuesday 22 November



North Somerset gains second place in national recycling rank

| | 13/14 | 14/15 | | |
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| High Flyers | Cheshire West and Chester | 116 | 109 | ▼ |
| | North Somerset | 104 | 108 | ▲ |
| | Dorset Waste Partnership | 96 | 98 | ▲ |
| | Buckinghamshire | 91 | 97 | ▲ |
| | Surrey | 94 | 97 | ▲ |
| | Somerset | 101 | 96 | ▼ |
| | Devon | 96 | 96 | ▲ |
| | Leicestershire | 99 | 95 | ▼ |
| | Wokingham | 91 | 93 | ▲ |
| | Oxfordshire | 91 | 93 | ▲ |
| | Isle of Wight | 92 | 91 | ▼ |

Excellent recycling rates in North Somerset have helped the council to be named as the second highest performing authority in the country.

North Somerset Council gained second place in Eunomia's Recycling Carbon Index 2014/15, which ranks local authorities by their recycling activities and environmental impact.

This index calculates the amount of carbon dioxide emissions equivalent that are prevented as a result of local recycling and waste management activities.

It gives different values to different materials so is a better indication of the actual environmental impact, rather than using simple tonnage data.

North Somerset has an estimated CO₂ equivalent saving of 108kg per person, just 1kg less than the top performing authority.

Since Eunomia first published the list four years ago, North Somerset Council has been consistently within the top three highest-performing authorities.

www.eunomia.co.uk/carbonindex

Faulty defibrillator press release

The Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency have issued a press release asking people and organisations to check if they have the defibrillator models, LIFEPAK CR Plus and LIFEPAK EXPRESS Automatic External Defibrillators (AED), because an electrical fault with some of them may not deliver an electric shock to the heart to someone who is in cardiac arrest. Approximately 2,577 devices are defective nationally.

The manufacturer, Physio-Control, has sent a safety alert to people with affected defibrillators, with instructions for action.

Further information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/faulty-defibrillator-warning>

Current and upcoming consultations

[Waste Consultation 2016](#)

[Residents Survey 2016](#)

[Trendlewood Park Management Plan 2016-2020](#)

[What do you think of Grove Park?](#)

[Draft Empty Property Delivery Plan 2016 - 2021](#)

Upcoming consultation from 31 October 2016 -
[Weston-super-Mare town centre regeneration SPD](#)

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Big Lottery – Celebrate England

A reminder that the deadline for applications is this Friday 21st October at 12 noon.

Under 'Celebrate England' the Big Lottery are offering grants of between £300 and £10,000 for groups to hold one off events or activities which celebrate their local community.

Communities could celebrate something from the community's history or a local hero. Or maybe it's a chance to bring people together to get to know their neighbours better.

Further information can be found on the Big Lottery website:

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/celebratefund#>

Community buildings invited to apply for up to £1,000 for energy saving improvements

[Western Power Distribution Community Chest](#) has reopened offering community groups a share of £50,000 to install energy saving improvements in their village halls and community facilities.

Eligible buildings in the WPD network area (covering much of the South West of England, South Wales and the Midlands) can apply for the costs of installing simple improvements which reduce energy use and running costs, and improve the carbon footprint of their building.

The grant is administered by CSE and funded by WPD. Eligible measures include insulating roof spaces, installing energy saving appliances, draught proofing windows and doors, fitting effective heating controls and upgrading lighting.

The application process is simple. Applicants are asked to submit a short application form alongside quotes for their chosen improvements, and a simple 'walkaround' energy audit of their building. Please ensure you read the [guidance and eligibility](#) carefully before applying. Grants are offered on a first come, first served basis so act quickly to avoid missing out.

For more information please visit the CSE website:

<https://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1302>

Information Governance Training

The second training session on Information Governance is being held on Friday 21st October, 14:00 – 16:00 at Castlewood in Clevedon.

Further information is available from ALCA avoncalc@gmail.com

Town and Parish Forum Meeting 10 December 2016

The next Town and Parish Forum (general) meeting held in conjunction with ALCA will take place on Thursday 10th December. The meeting will be held in The New Council Chamber at the Town Hall in Weston-super-Mare between 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Mike Jackson, Chief Executive of North Somerset Council, will be giving a presentation on the latest developments with the Government's Devolution Deal and the North Somerset position on Metro Mayor.

To confirm your attendance please contact [Rhiannon Prys-Owen](#) NS ALCA Secretary or [Rhiannon Jones](#) Policy and Partnerships, 01275 884 204

Site Allocations Plan & Joint Spatial Plan briefing – 1 November 10am – 12

The briefing will be held on Tuesday 1 November from 10.00 -12.00 in the New Council Chamber at the Town Hall Offices in Weston-super-Mare. Spaces are limited so attendance will be restricted to no more than 2 representatives per Council.

Town and Parish Council Planning Workshop - 8 December 9.30am – 12

This is the regular December planning meeting hosted by Richard Kent and his team which will be held on Thursday 8th December from 9.30- 12.00 in the New Council Chamber at the Town Hall Offices in Weston Super Mare.

If you have any planning related issues you would like to be considered for inclusion, please contact [Richard Kent](#).

Town and parish changes

It is important that parishes keep the council up to date with any changes to their information. This includes details for the Clerk, the Chair and parish bank accounts.

We are inviting parishes to check their information on our public website to ensure it is correct and reflects any changes following recent parish elections. Parishes can check their information using the link below:

<http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-council/councillors/townandparish/town-and-parish-contacts/>

Please contact [Rhiannon Jones](#) 01275 884 204 to update any information or if you have made changes to parish bank accounts please contact the [Accounts team](#).