



Northamptonshire County Council



## How to have your say about the draft Council Plan from Northamptonshire County Council April 2018 to March 2020



Northamptonshire County Council (the Council) looks at its plan regularly to make sure it still says the right things. This year the Council has made some changes to the plan because:

- There are a lot of changes across the country in the way public services are provided
- It has to run services with much less money for a lot more people.



This document tells you about the draft Council Plan and how to have your say about it. You can have your say by filling in a separate questionnaire



## The Vision of Northamptonshire County Council

The Council says it wants to make Northamptonshire a county where:

- We all look after each other and take responsibility
- Vulnerable people are protected and supported
- The people who can help themselves receive the help they need to stay independent and healthy.



This will make Northamptonshire a great place to grow up, live, learn, work and grow old.

To make the plan work the Council needs:

- People living and working in the county to take responsibility for their own lives families and communities
- Public, private, voluntary and community organisations in the county work together for the benefit of residents
- To remove the overlap in what local councils do in the county
- To make sure that it supports people who are the most vulnerable and who really can't look after themselves. There are also some services that the law says it must provide. These are called statutory services.



## How the Council wants to provide services (its Role and Values)



The Council always wants to provide services in a fair way. It will continue to spend tax payers' money wisely and responsibly, but with less staff and places or work.



The Council thinks its main role is to:



- Plan services across the county and make sure they are put in place



- Speak up for and promote the county across the region and nationally



- Over time to change so it concentrates on looking after the people that need its services the most



- Continue to safeguard people who are vulnerable to abuse and neglect



- Be clear about what it has to do, what it can afford to do and what it is that residents and communities can do themselves, with the right support if they need it



When you have read this information you can fill in the separate easy read questionnaire to say what you think. You do not have to answer every question.