District Councillors Annual Report 2018

Dear Chairman, Councillors. Julie and Parishioners, On behalf of David Smith, Adam Brown and me, It has been our pleasure to serve and meet up with you during the past year. We wish you well in the forthcoming year and if we can assist we shall.

Your Ward District Councillor's present their Annual Report.

The Daventry Development Link road continues and is due to be completed this summer, something many residents look forward, not least those living in Flore and Weedon.

The new waste collections service goes live in June 2018. The service is a joint venture between DDC and Norse Commercial Services. This new structure will give DDC much more control over this frontline service whilst at the same time sharing 50% of any profits generated from recycled materials. The new service will see weekly collections of food waste, recycling will be collected fortnightly, and general waste every three weeks. It is expected that these changes will see an increased level of recycling across the district which in turn should result in more space in general waste bins.

DDC's Council Tax was agreed at a Special Council meeting on 5 March 2018. The precept represents just 8% of the total yearly Council Tax bill, the remainder is split with 6% going to Parish Councils and special expenses, 73% to NCC, and 13% to the Northamptonshire Police & Crime Commissioner. The portion allocated to DDC, including special expenses has increased by £5 per annum for a Band D property, this equates to just under 10p per week. DDC's revenue budget will be £11.6 million for the period 2018/19.

DDC has continued to invest in local services and amenities, this includes the regeneration of Daventry's industrial areas and the town centre.

Kind regards

Johnnie

David Smith and Adam Brown.