

CHOLLERTON PC REPORT 28.01.26

- 1) New tax scheme.** At full council we had to vote on introducing a new tax scheme. The scheme would allow for a saving of 2 million pounds and make a simpler process for people to understand as people will be categorised into a banding scheme. It also means that officers work load will reduce due to better efficiency. Myself and the leader of the GP at NCC agreed that the changes to simplifying the process to make it easier for applicants and officers sounds great however it means that there will be a range of effects on applicants with the most vulnerable seeing an increase in support whereas others seeing their support remain the same or reduced. Applicants will however have the option to apply for additional help. We thought if cuts needed to be made, it shouldn't be on the backs of those who are struggling most in our communities.
- 2) Section 106.** The process would be: The PC would apply, arrange, pay and NCC would reimburse them.
- 3) Speeding sign.** I have contacted Neil to see if he has had time to view the information sent to me by the resident asking for the speed limit to be moved and I am awaiting a response
- 4) Planning.** I contacted the planning officer for the broiler chicken farm planning application to ask for a possible timescale. They have also confirmed that it will definitely be going to strategic. The officer commented:
This one may take a while given the issues raised and requests of information from consultees. It will go beyond the current deadline and be extended but I don't have any timescales as of yet.
Deadline was the 6th of Feb.
- 5) Libraries.** On my communities and place report for, Wednesday the 28th, the minuets state:
It was noted that Cabinet was due to receive a report on the Service Redesign of Libraries and Customer Services on the 10th of February 2026 and the scrutiny committee was not due to receive an update on the review until the 25th of February 2026. There was concern regarding the possible impact on the mobile library service in rural areas and whether any proposals would align with the budget setting process for the 2026/27 financial year.
The scrutiny coordinator confirmed that the updates had originally been scheduled for October prior to a request that it be deferred. He believed the consultation was due to start in January 2026 and that would allow officers to provide an update on responses received by that date and allow members of the committee to comment. He would check the purpose of the report to Cabinet on the 10th of February 2026.
The consultation was not due to finish until the end of February/March 2026 with a final decision being made circa May/June 2026.

In the forward plan for Cabinet says:

To outline the proposed changes made to introduce blended working across Customer Services and the Library Services, create a new improved way of supporting in person customer contact across future blended Library and Information Services.

To me this sounds like they are trying to make, what might be multiple job responsibilities, turn into one persons job. There is no mention of the mobile libraries but I am waiting for a response from an officer from my Inequalities working group to get back to me with any more updates.