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THE CABINET - NOVEMBER 2016



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5. Rt Hon David Gauke, MP
6. Rt Hon Ben Gummer, MP

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10. Baroness Evans of Bowes Park
11. Rt Hon Sajid Javid, MP
12. Rt Hon Damian Green, MP
- 13.. Rt Hon Chris Grayling, MP
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26. Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss, MP
27. Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox, MP
28. Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, MP

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

Cllr Helen Harrison (Association Chairman)

19 Nov 2016

There are so many things that I could write about that I hardly know where to start. Should I talk about the election of Donald Trump and what it might mean for us? How about the Autumn statement that is to take place next Wednesday? Maybe I could look at the state of the other political parties, or discuss the issues around the triggering of Article 50? There is so much happening and the old political order is being turned upside down!

What really matters though is that, here in Corby and East Northants, we keep our heads! It may look as though our political rivals are in a mess, we might be worried about what a Trump presidency will mean for international security, we may be concerned about what Brexit will look like or if it will even happen, but all we can do is make sure we keep campaigning on the issues that matter to people in our constituency. Let them know that the Corby and East Northamptonshire Conservatives are listening to and acting for our local electorate.

We do this through our Listening campaign. When Tom was selected as our PPC back in 2013 the Wellingborough Association



generously joined forces with us and set up the Joint Taskforce. During that long campaign the members of Wellingborough Association threw themselves into helping to get Tom elected, regularly putting us before their own local campaign. It worked and we got Tom elected with one of the biggest swings from Labour to the Conservatives. I would like

to take this opportunity to thank Wellingborough for their tireless support.

As a result of that extraordinary success we have continued with the Joint Taskforce. We meet on alternate weeks in each constituency unless something comes up which requires us to focus in a particular area for example in a by-election. This enables us to focus our campaigning power where it is needed most and maximise our electoral success.

So, for those of you who have recently asked me why you receive campaigning emails from Wellingborough Conservatives, that is why. We work together and offer each other mutual support. We won our last two by-elections in Raunds and in Finedon with massive majorities, proving once again what an effective campaigning force we have become.

Helen

**The Management
Team send warmest
Best Wishes for
Christmas and the
New Year to everyone**



TOM PURSGLOVE

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST NORTHANTS



Well, what a year it has been! If I had gone to a publisher this time last year with a crystal ball and set-out all that would happen in 2016, I know I would have been shown the door very quickly, and told to wake up! However, in a year of great change, one issue that has been firmly on my agenda throughout, is that of working towards securing the future of the steel industry.

As all members know, in Corby, steel is what our community is all about—and as the local MP, and a Northamptonshire person, steel matters to me. That is why, the week after the election, I agreed to become the Vice Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Steel, before I even had an office in Westminster. Collectively, we have been working cross-party to champion the industry, but not just politicians - the industry, unions, and local authorities have all been vitally important in helping shape policy.

Pleasingly, Ministers have been willing to listen; their doors always open, meetings attended, and steelworks visited.

On the back of that work, considerable progress has been made in dealing with some of the immediate challenges the industry has been facing improving procurement rules to promote British products and their use in infrastructure projects, securing the compensation needed to support our energy intensive industries, and greater action on steel dumped on our market, in blatant disobedience of all the international rules.

Ministers have already delivered on the measures outlined, and with Theresa May's new Government, we have seen an even greater focus: "Industrial Strategy" now appears in the title of the Department responsible for the steel sector.

As a 'small 'c' conservative', who spent many months pushing for a strategy, I am clear that no Government can ever have all the answers, but we do have a duty to get the broad economic conditions right to enable our industries to thrive, to maximise the opportunities afforded by new national infrastructure projects, to ensure no community is left behind, and to make sure that we have strong and secure core industries in this country. Steel is vital to that.

And, whilst I respect others' differing, yet sincerely-held views, I also maintain that there is an enormous opportunity for our steel industry as we leave the European Union - but recognise this won't be without its challenges. For example, much of my eighteen months in Parliament has been spent bemoaning EU State Aid Rules, which I maintain have got in the way at crucial times - not least in 2015, when Ministers were pleading with the Commission to approve the energy compensation package the industry desperately needed.

Similarly, as a result of our EU membership, we are not presently allowed to directly impose tariffs on products 'dumped' on our market, meaning we do not have all the tools at our disposal to protect our industries from unfair, uncompetitive, and damaging competition. As we leave the EU, we can put these frustrations right. It won't be straightforward, and this is just one area of policy amongst many that will be vying for attention as part of the 'exit' negotiations. But, this opportunity is significant for the steel industry and as we move into 2017, I will continue to make the argument for the fullest possible engagement with all those involved in the industry, to ensure Ministers completely understand its needs, concerns and aspirations.

Like you, I am extremely proud of Corby steel – the quality of our product, our incredible workforce, and our rich history, around which our town has grown up. I'm also extremely proud of our Party - for getting out there, for listening, and for acting; all in the pursuit of solutions to help secure the future of the steel industry during the most difficult of periods.

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Tom Pursglove, continued

I'm under no illusions - the road ahead won't be plain sailing, but I am convinced we have the determination, the broad policy foundations – including large-scale infrastructure projects and industrial strategy - and the opportunity, to help secure the future of our steel industry, long-term.

If we keep listening, working constructively, and showing leadership, Conservatives in Government will play a leading role in steel's next chapter. I believe we will rise to that challenge, as we work towards building a country that works for everyone.

Finally, I would just like to say a very big 'thank you' to all members for their continued support and encouragement this year - it is an enormous honour and a privilege to be your Member of Parliament and working together, we have achieved a great deal and I am extremely excited about what the future holds; not just for our Party, but for our area, and also our country. In closing, may I wish you, and your family, all the very best for Christmas and the New Year - here's to more Conservative success in 2017 !

Sincerely

Tom Pursglove MP

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Phone or email to make an appointment to see Tom at one of his regular surgeries.

Tom Pursglove, MP's Weekly Advice Surgeries

As your local MP, I believe it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that my constituents have. As such, unlike most MPs, I hold weekly advice surgeries, both in Corby and in East Northamptonshire. The venues for my surgeries are:

Corby: Corby VCS, The TA Building, Elizabeth Street, Corby, NN17 1PN

Irthlingborough: Irthlingborough Children's Centre, Scarborough St., Irthlingborough, NN9 5TT

Raunds: Raunds Library, High Street, Raunds, NN9 6LT

Oundle: Oundle Baptist Church, 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG

Thrapston: Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, as I have decided to operate my surgeries on an appointments basis, in order to ensure that my constituents do not have to rush through their concerns. This approach also allows me to provide immediate help - I often make a start on casework matters prior to an appointment, to try and resolve concerns more quickly, whilst it also allows me to seek any appropriate advice, or obtain clarification on technical points, in advance of the meeting.

Our 'Political Life'

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Ray Jackson

10 Nov 2016

It is often thought that the electorate in Corby lack motivation: that they traditionally accept leadership from others and rarely have any ambitions themselves.

Historically this is more or less true. Coming from the busy City of Glasgow to the Northamptonshire countryside, the incomers had jobs, houses, a new town and local facilities as well as a bus every weekend to take the homesick back for a few days. This took some getting used to and was to be enjoyed and appreciated. What else could be wanted? The powers which had supplied these benefits would most likely go on in the same vein. Was this how our dependency culture started? Not everywhere. Kelvin Glendenning and Rev'd Frank Scuffham realised the danger facing Corby in 1979 with the closure of the steelworks, and Kelvin, supported by Duncan Hall, the Chief Executive started working on a regeneration project. In the mid-eighties, Kelvin wanted a railway station and we got an experimental one for a time. But these ideas did not seem to come from the ordinary people. The swimming pool was built because to the Labour government the Town appeared dead, except when it sold off council houses to stop people migrating back to Glasgow. The pool was an icon showing Labour's involvement and care for the Town,

Important because outward and visible signs of continuing regeneration were needed. We did not need a swimming pool. We already had a good one, well supported and popular. But there did not seem to be any ideas from the people, of the people.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

I suggest we still expect others to tell us what we want and in a lazy sort of way are happy for them to do it. Our councillors work hard trying to sort out problems created by the Labour group such as finding money to reduce the debt on the Cube. But they do not pursue projects of their own, originated by our goodselves because we never think of giving them any. I would like to ask people what they would want for the Town which would improve their quality of life. I make a few suggestions, hopefully to stimulate discussion.

We used to boast thirty million people lived within a hundred miles of Corby. It made the distribution industry sit up! Why should we not build a large conference centre and hotel ready to host large meetings of people from all over the East Midlands? The area is already big and growing. The Centre would be a centre of excellence and a large employer, helping to encourage in the hospitality industry.

The road to the A14 via Brigstock is scenically one of the prettiest in the country, in my opinion. But it carries a lot of heavy traffic. Has the time not come to make much of it a dual carriage way? As it joins up with the southern by-pass at Stanion, the traffic can only increase.

We still have four and a half thousand council houses in Corby and despite the large amounts of money spent on them in the Decent Homes Campaign, they do not do the town much credit. Why don't we sell them, gradually, to a housing trust to manage, using the receipts to build a generation of modern housing, reflecting the changed nature of the Town. The housing trust would recognise the limited life of its new assets and not give us a full price, but at least enough to get our scheme going.

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Ray Jackson continued>>>

We still need a new technological base to replace steel making. We are too late for the big wind generators, although we have a company producing small ones. During the debate on the Hinckley Nuclear Power Station, there were proposals that we have in this country the ability to make small nuclear power stations using technology not unknown to many sailors who serve in the nuclear submarine fleet. Could we look to power the Town on our own small unit and see if might be possible to build them here? We have the cooling water in Rutland Water and much of the power distribution system left over from the steelworks. Not everyone likes the idea of a nuclear power station on their doorstep, but if we could be rational about it, as our sailors are, we could seize a very useful initiative, bringing a lot of work and prestige.

The Lakeside Cafe, the Boating Lake and the surrounding woodlands are much improved and extensively used and appreciated. It is begging for development and there must be lots of ideas to enhance it.

I personally would like to test these ideas out by discussing their feasibility with our Conservative councillors. But there must be hundreds of better ones, smaller ones, often thought of, but never written down, let alone discussed.

If anyone wants to drop me a line, we could ask Rob to chair a meeting and see what comes of it. We know we have a good Town. We just want to make it that little bit better.

Ray Jackson

If you would like to comment on Ray's thoughts you can email the magazine editor and your email will be forwarded on to him

200 CLUB WINNERS

Jan	144	Mrs H Cromie
Feb	115	Mr R Davies
Mar	108	Mr R Jackson
Apr	31	Mrs P Escombe
May	81	Mrs U Roe
Jun	145	Mrs L E Kemp
Jul	126	Mrs G Singlehurst
Aug	77	Mrs R Grove
Sep	16	Mr R Brudenell
Oct	66	Mrs R Foster
Nov	19	Mrs M Shirville
Dec	97	Mr J Clarke

The 200 Club will hold its annual event in early 2017. New members welcome.

BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the by-election for the Borough and Parish council seats held by Cllr John Bailey MBE, who died in July following a short battle with cancer have been published. Cllr Bailey had served on Wellingborough Council for nearly half a century, as well as serving as a county councillor and parish councillor. His wife Barbara Bailey was standing for the Borough council seat for the Conservative party and won with 758 votes. The results for the remaining candidates were: Stephen Ayland (Labour) 235, Allan Shipham (UKIP) 137 and John Weaver (Liberal Democrat) 86. The turn-out for the Borough council election was 35.73 per cent.

Sally Farrell was standing as an independent candidate for the seat on Finedon Parish Council, and she won with 631 votes. The results for the remaining candidates were: Rebecca Haines (Labour) 280 and Jeremy Jordan (UKIP) 238.

THE NEW £1 IS COMING SOON



Photo: R Boyd

The new 12-sided £1 coin will be the most secure of its kind in the world and its cutting-edge features will present a significant barrier to counterfeiters, reducing the cost to businesses and the taxpayer.' It appears that 1 in 30 current £1 coins is fake.

From March 2017, during the 'co-circulation' period the Royal Mint website suggests firms should accept both coins and keep customers informed which coins their equipment can accept.

Businesses may need to agree with their bank how to return the current £1 coin and new £1 coin.

After Autumn 2017 businesses should no longer accept the existing round coin from customers and should no longer distribute it themselves. However it will still be possible to deposit the old coins at most High Street banks and the Post Office.

According to the Royal Mint, the new coin will weigh 8.75g, 0.25g lighter than the current £1 and will feature the fifth coin portrait of Queen Elizabeth II on the 'heads' side.

The design on the 'tails' side of the coin will show 'the English rose, Welsh leek, Scottish thistle and Northern Irish shamrock emerging from one stem within a royal coronet', designed by a 15-year-old, David Pearce.

SO WHAT IS ARTICLE 50?

Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon gives any EU member the right to quit unilaterally, and outlines the procedure for doing so

There was no way to legally leave the EU before the Treaty was signed in 2007.

Once triggered the following applies:

- It gives the leaving country two years to negotiate an exit deal
- Once set in motion, it cannot be stopped except by unanimous consent of all member states
- Any deal must be approved by a "qualified majority" of EU member states and can be vetoed by the European Parliament

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EXPATS, IMMIGRATION & INSULTING COUNCILLORS

Ray Jackson mentioned in his last article that 2 million Brits (expats) living abroad may be repatriated. This is unlikely as they do actually contribute to the countries in which they have chosen to live. They are usually older people who live there and do not generally take jobs away from local working people. I have friends that have lived in France and they were most welcome in their community as they took little and contributed much to their town.

As regards to displaced children that Ray and a number of celebrities such as Lilly Allen think should be welcomed into Britain, I must disagree with him. The first groups brought in seemed to be mainly young men, some with substantial facial hair. What happened to all the very young unaccompanied boys and girls we were shown on TV prior to the exodus? Very swiftly the media started blanking out the faces of the incoming 'children'. Were there really unaccompanied tots in Calais and did their parents really throw them into boats with complete strangers and trust they would get to Europe safely? What thought for the welfare of their children from their own parents? And another thing, we were told these children had relatives here but now the Home Office is seeking people who will take them in. Please Ray I would urge you to look at media other than BBC, and see the whole picture; please don't allow yourself to be blinkered by the left wing-supporting institution the BBC has become.

Having said all this I do agree with Ray that unscrupulous employers here should be severely penalised for employing people on low, low wages, be they foreign or not. We need both sexes who are qualified here, not just people who work on the factory conveyor belt when our men and women could do the same job.

I know of two people who are line managers in two separate factories in Corby and they are the only natural born British workers on their shifts of 450 people, the rest are foreign people from the E.U. or have gained asylum.

There are a few of Corby's communities of foreign extract who do not wish to integrate with British people and much prefer to be with their own kind, in or out of working hours. Over the last 8 years I have often tried to integrate with some of these folk but many do not want to know. Even a cheerful "good morning" is often ignored as they don't speak English even at the most basic level. But this cannot be said for them all as in my local streets we have some newcomers who are an inspiration to all. They have learned English and our customs, they always greet me in English with a cheerful smile and always have an opinion on the weather and they are a pleasure to meet and talk to.

The problem of immigration is simple, there is too much of it and in many cases there is a lack of will to integrate.

Street Scene & Keir.

Is there anyone from Corby Borough Labour Council who does actually oversee the services we all pay for? I live on the Shire Lodge estate and because we were so fed up with the fly tipping which lies around for months before removal we contacted the Labour councillors for our area. We were told "You are mischief makers".

We reported this to Conservative councillor Kevin Watt and forwarded to him emails we had sent to our Labour Councillors. Kevin took it up and rubbish was cleared within 48 hours. Remember that if your local councillor is no hope you can contact any councillor.

So the answer to our problems is simple, we need more Conservative Councillors like Kevin and few others that do precious little; I urge everyone who reads this to support our Conservative candidates as much as they can.

A few hours work before an election can and will make a huge difference to Corby. Keep up the great work Kevin and a huge thank you. Labour do nothing. Conservatives do it all for them.

Dee Sellars [Member]

(This contribution has been slightly edited for space reasons. If you wish to see the full article please contact the editor)

We love to receive letters or articles for the magazine, complimentary or otherwise. Just send them in Word format to the office. Photos are good too. Contributions may be edited or abridged slightly as necessary.

ANDREW I LEWER, MBE MEP for the East Midlands

Nov 2016

"I have never liked onions much, but I have now found a use for them. They provide a good visual metaphor for the UK's debate about Brexit. Every time pundits, politicians or experts (and do not worry, I am not 'going there' on that topic today!) pronounce about a particular feature of EU regulation, funding or cooperation another layer of the onion is revealed... and then another.

The Single Market: Vital to be part of it for the economy. Part of it or just to have access to it? Every country has 'access' to it. What is it, anyway? Is it an entity or a set of different sectoral or thematic arrangements? Can we simply make our products for export to the EU compliant with Single Market regulations? Maybe, but what about non-tariff barriers? What are those? We are told they are especially important in services, the sector where the UK excels. That is why we need 'passporting'. But most of the service sector has never had its Single Market conditions agreed, plus 'passporting' is different for every area of services, especially within the fiendishly complex world of finance and banking.

Layer after layer of the onion peels away, but still there are more. The impact of the onion phenomenon upon the case to leave the EU? It could fairly be said, to channel Mandy Rice-Davis, that I would say this, wouldn't I? However: To me the complexity proves that unless you are fully engaged with the EU as a nation, which we in the UK never were, and unless you believe in the project of an ever closer union, which we never did, you will never get the best - assuming there is a 'best' - out of the EU.

In contrast to onions, I do like French wine and German cars, but I fear their utility is possibly being over-stated during the nation's Brexit discussions. They are frequently cited, at right up to Secretary of State level, as the

reason why we will get a good deal from the EU. I am not so sure. And yet even if we do not

get a good deal that does not diminish the case for departure. We assume that the voice of European industry and economic self-interest will lead to the EU's political leaders 'seeing sense'. This illustrates our UK view of the EU - and indeed the world more generally - as 'transactional', as a sort of giant business deal. (Napoleon's description of us was not far wrong... and no bad thing overall.) Unfortunately, to many political leaders on the continent that is only one element of the Union, to them ever closer union towards the EU as a single country of European Citizens is real and desirable. That any Member would have the temerity to leave must, to them, result in punishment even - and this is the crucial element - if that means causing problems and losses to your own people in the process. Deluded? Self-defeating? Yes, but do not be too surprised if the Jean-Claude Juncker and Francois Hollande types and maybe even the Angela Merkel and Mark Rutte types try to go in that direction.

If they do, it will not end well. It would be, in many ways, a further vindication of the decision to leave what will have proved itself to be a backwards looking and negative institution.

Let us hope for - but not count on - wiser heads prevailing.

(I have written more detailed articles about Brexit and the university sector for Brexit Central and about Industrial Strategy post-EU funding for Conservative Home. Do look out for them.)

Regards,

Andrew Lewer MBE MP for the East Midlands





POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOLD



10 Sep 2016

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer.

Whilst this can sometimes sound like a simple task, delivering effective policing on a fixed budget is a complex operation.

In order to ensure that everyone is working towards the same shared goal, I've already undertaken a great deal of work to ensure that Northamptonshire Police will play a central role in both the development and delivery of the new Police and Crime Plan for the county, rather than this simply being a strategy set by my team and I.

This is why - for the first time - a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it.

The same goes for communities across the county. After all, as the father of the modern police force, Sir Robert Peel said,



“The police are the public and the public are the police.” I want communities to share their ideas, experiences and opinions to ensure they are committed to helping us make the county safer – a task that involves everyone playing their part.

So, I would urge everyone to visit www.YourPCC.co.uk to view the draft Police and Crime Plan and have your say on what we should be focusing on, to ensure you and your neighbours feel safe and secure in the county.

In the draft Police and Crime Plan, we have pledged to focus on four main areas:

- keeping young people safe;
- community partnerships;
- protecting people from harm; and
- putting victims at the heart of justice system.

As we all know, Northamptonshire is a large place. It's home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there's over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways.

Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the size our county and ever increasing challenges we face, it means we'll have to make some difficult decisions on how our limited resources are allocated.

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Stephen Mold— continued>>>

This is why the opinions and experiences of every single person in the county matters and I stress again, that we want to hear from YOU. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think.

Stephen Mold

Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire

If you have any suggestions for the future of policing in our county, or want to bring anything to my attention, I can be contacted at: commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk

MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY

CCHQ are currently investigating the possibility of centralising all membership for Associations. At the moment Membership records are held on the national database, Votesource but two systems for subscription collection are in operation:

1. Membership fees collected locally, and
2. Membership fees collected at CCHQ.

The Executive Committee will be looking into the pros and cons of centralisation and will report to members in due course.

AFTER HELLO TO THE NEW FIVER IS IT GOODBYE TO THE PENNY?

Bank of England governor Mark Carney has said the humble 1p piece should be scrapped one day because its value is decreasing. If the coin was axed, we'd follow in the footsteps of Canada, New Zealand and Australia, which have all got rid of their penny equivalents. Are they an annoyance that you never use, or would it be an unwelcome end of an era?

Money Expert Martin Lewis carried out a survey and received 19,213 votes.

Comments	Under 25	25 to 34	35 to 49	50 to 64	65 and over	TOTAL AVERAGE
Yes—they just clog up my purse or pocket	289 (29%)	1099 (27%)	1597 (26%)	1268 (25%)	882 (29%)	27.2%
Yes-and the 2p and 5p should be binned too	253 (25%)	1290 (32%)	1662 (27%)	1038 (21%)	439 (15%)	24.0%
No-it's an easy way to save and it all adds up	270 (27%)	1037 (25%)	1765 (29%)	1732 (35%)	1083 (36%)	30.4%
No-£9.99 feels cheaper than £10	72 (7%)	248 (6%)	544 (9%)	561 (11%)	343 (11%)	8.8%
I don't care	110 (11%)	401 (10%)	566 (9%)	421 (8%)	243 (8%)	9.2%
TOTAL VOTES PER AGE GROUP	994 votes	4075 votes	6134 votes	5020 votes	2990 votes	

So the voting was:

Scrap the penny - 51%, Keep the penny - 39% (and the rest don't care)

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

25 Nov 2016



Cllr Heather Smith

We are moving quickly now towards our elections in May 2017 and am pleased to say all candidates are now in place within the CENCA area. Most candidates have attended the Saturday session in

Northampton and again the afternoon session at Grendon Hall so I thank them for getting involved with the County Council so quickly.

Having taken over £200 million out of our revenue budget it is a constant pressure to find ways of saving more money but we continue to review the way we work through this time of unprecedented change, challenge and opportunity.

Pressures are hitting both the social care and health systems as we ask our Health partners to give the financial support we believe was agreed. Currently the amount we are owed by Health exceeds the total revenue budget for a district or borough council. However we know they have equally challenging pressures and are actively working with them to try to find a solution. National mediators are now involved.

Our Olympus Care Services company which is owned by NCC is recruiting for additional carers as we expand to include providing care for those that do not qualify for social care. There is however a shortage of people willing to be carers so it is another challenge as this is one way we can make this service income generating.

We also continue to seek new foster carers as currently we have around 1000 children in our care and many now have to be placed with agency foster carers outside the County which massively increases costs and is not the best outcome for some of the children.

Pressures also continue finding sufficient qualified and experienced social workers so again our agency costs are far too high.



On the schools re-organisation in East Northants I can confirm that alterations to all the primary schools is now complete and they are now full primary schools. The secondary school will have works starting at the end of the year to build a new science block. This will take around 12 months. The remainder of the planned works will have to wait until the town green application in Oundle has been determined by an independent inspector (later this year) and until the Secretary of State has agreed or otherwise to the section 77 notice on disposal of surplus school land.

Heather

Cllr Heather Smith, Chartered MCIPD
Leader of the Council
Northamptonshire County Council

Copy for the next issue must be received by 10th January please. Contributions and letters from members are welcome but some editing may be necessary by the editor.

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Report from Cllr Rob McKellar on Corby Borough Council

25 November 2016

Solutions around recovering money in respect of the Corby Cube overspend and defects continue to be discussed. These discussions remain confidential and subject to legal privilege at this stage but are occurring on a cross-party basis between the administration, the opposition and the council's legal team.



The council is undergoing a "digitalisation project" to improve internal and external IT facilities and to broaden the range of online services available to the public. The Conservative Group are of the view that this is a decade overdue and we are arguing for the services upgrade to be as deep and wide-reaching as possible.

Conversations with local authority partners in the north of the county are continuing in relation to the devolution agenda. The impetus from central government to press for a rapid proposal seems to have reduced, however it is evident that the desire towards unitarisation remains. £25K has been agreed by committee towards a multi-authority feasibility study and meetings with Ministers will ultimately influence when these funds are expended. £25K each has also been contributed by East Northants District Council and Kettering Borough Council. Wellingborough Council has declined to participate.

The Conservative opposition has obtained staff absence figures which show a 16% increase in stress, depression and anxiety related absence. We are pressing the administration for an urgent plan of action.

After the environmental services contract extension, we are continuing to closely monitor the performance of the council's contractors in advance of the next review in two years time. The Labour administration has made clear its desire to bring the services back in house. The Conservative opposition are of the view that we should pursue whichever solution offers best value for money and not be constrained by ideology.

Rob

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Our webpage is at www.cenca.co.uk and contains the latest news about our Association.

Our MP, Tom Pursglove, has his own website: www.vote Pursglove.co.uk and you can catch up on his latest news directly on his pages.

Thank you for watching.

During the past forty years I've had the privilege of serving as a Councillor, a Member of Parliament, a Minister and now, appointed by our Prime Minister, Chairman of the Conservative Party. This Party has taken me a long way. I've come from the coal mines of Cannock right up to the Cabinet. I'm so proud of what our Party stands for and to be appointed Chairman is an honour.

But for all that time I've also been an activist and a member of the Conservative family. Together it is people like us who have changed the Party, won elections and delivered for the country.

As a Party and in Government we have done some great things. After the mess we inherited in 2010, our economy is back on track and now growing. More than 2.5 million people have got a job. And millions of the lowest paid have been taken out of income tax and now earn a new National Living Wage. And we've done all that at the same time as reducing the deficit by two thirds, cutting crime and investing in our NHS.

But there is more to do to make our country work for everyone. We cannot be complacent about the challenges ahead - while others resort to protest, we must show we are the party that spreads opportunity to the bottom as well as the top; that doesn't just give people a job but gives them job security too.

It's an exciting time to be a Conservative Party Member. Thank you for your support.

Yours,



Patrick McLoughlin

Chairman of the Conservative Party

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**COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS
2017**

All candidates are now in place for next year's County Council elections and they have been busy delivering their leaflets and Christmas Raffle tickets.

A number still require help with their leaflets and if any members can give them a hand in delivering a road or two it would be very much appreciated.

A big thank you to those who have already helped, and of course many thanks to all who have purchased draw tickets.

At the last election the Conservatives promised to lower the benefits cap to ensure that work pays, whilst protecting those most in need. And now we are delivering on that commitment. A new benefit cap has now come in to effect, meaning the total amount workless households can receive in benefits will be limited to £20,000 across the UK or £23,000 within Greater London.

This is fair to the taxpayers who pay for it and fair to those who need it.

Since its introduction in April 2013, the cap has provided a clear incentive for those who can work to move off welfare and into a job. New figures show that almost 23,500 households who previously had their benefits capped have moved into employment.

LOWERING THE CAP ON BENEFITS DELIVERED

MAKING WORK PAY – WHILE PROTECTING THOSE MOST IN NEED

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Capping benefits ensures those capable of work have a clear incentive to find it, whilst always protecting those who cannot work. Anyone receiving Carer's Allowance, Guardian Allowance, most disability benefit claimants and anyone eligible for Working Tax Credits is exempt from the cap.

Never again will we return to the broken welfare system we inherited in 2010 - where benefits were unlimited and there was often no incentive at all for people to find work.

A QUICK LOOK AT BOTH SIDES OF THE ARTICLE 50 QUESTION

Parliament should be consulted.

In spite of the referendum result this country is a democracy and the rule of law is prime. Three judges have given their interpretation of the law and stated they believe that Parliament must debate and vote on this issue. Theresa May has appealed to a higher court but if this fails then she must accept this. She does have another option if this happens and she could call a snap general election with a manifesto pledge to sign Article 50. We shall have to wait and see but Leavers asked for our own Parliament to make our laws instead of Brussels. 'Take control back', they said. So be it. Farage threatens to lead a mob of thousands to the Supreme Court but surely the rule of law is better than the rule of the mob.

Parliament should not be consulted.

David Cameron, as Prime Minister, promised the people a Referendum on the European question and Parliament approved this prior to the last election. It is pretty obvious that at the time the PM and most Members of Parliament didn't really think that the Remain group would lose the vote so weren't too worried about the result. However the ordinary people, outside of London (and Scotland) saw this as an opportunity to give the establishment a bloody nose at the same time as they showed their hatred of Brussels and all it stood for. So, the people have spoken: The PM should move on and sign Article 50 now.

Emma McClarkin MEP for the East Midlands



Time to give illegal wildlife trafficking the Red Light!

The world we live in is experiencing an unprecedented surge in the illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products in both volume and value. Recent statistics reveal that over the past ten years rhino poaching increased by 7000% just in South Africa alone, while illicit ivory trade in general has doubled since 2007. From a population of 500 000 rhinos in the beginning of the 20th century, only 30 000 are alive today, revealing a dramatic 94% decline. Elephants are killed at an even greater number and many small animal species face extinction too.

As part of my work on the Committee on International Trade in the European Parliament, I have been actively campaigning to crack down on illegal wildlife trade and to bring this problem into the attention of policy-makers. I am currently the rapporteur of an own-initiative report on this committee, which aims to explore the links between the implementation of free trade agreements, preferential trade schemes, investment flows, global value chains and corporate social responsibility, the external aspects of customs provisions and management in the context of sustainability of wildlife. It demonstrates that trade policy and its implementation are key in the approach to this issue.

This is much more than an environmental crime threatening our ecosystems. It is a very lucrative business representing approximately £17 billion per year that fall outside governments' regulations, having a huge negative impact on good governance and the rule of law. Illegal wildlife trade is a global crime that brings security implications

and, therefore, it requires a global coordinated approach. On my report, I emphasise the need for greater international cooperation with resource to the existing tools and mechanisms for combating this criminal activity and their effective implementation.

It is also of utmost importance to explore new problems associated with e-commerce and corruption and to ensure that we address demand in destination countries, working towards changing customers' mentalities and, therefore, reducing the appeal for wildlife and wildlife products. Global trade and environmental regimes can and must do better to support each other.

Britain has taken a leading role on fighting this crime and it is important that we keep exercising our diplomatic leadership on addressing difficult and complex problems as illegal wildlife trafficking. The Elephant Protection Initiative and The Transport Taskforce of United for Wildlife are only two examples of the UK leading by example.

From my side, I remain committed to cracking down this illegal activity by continuing to campaign hard in the European Parliament and at home and to make this a key and permanent topic on the trade agendas.

**Emma McClarkin MEP
for the East Midlands**

EAST NORTANTS DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

25 Nov 2016

Dear Members and supporters

It has been a very busy time of late for East Northants Council, some of it more interest to you than others.

One really exciting thing is that we have awarded the new contract to manage our leisure facilities. You may have seen this in the press already. What is exciting about this is that we have done something very different this time, which may be of interest to you.

In the past there has been a little criticism that the provision is in the centres to the south, and not much help to our more rural parts. There is also the surprising issue that (according to the government) people (especially the young) are unfit and not loving a healthy lifestyle. So, what we have done is awarded a healthy and active lifestyle contract. This was after a very successful debate I led at the council earlier in the year. What we will be doing is offering an outreach service to our rural community to help improve physical activity and a more active lifestyle, for those who want it. More detail to come in the New Year. This provides a wider service to the taxpayer, and also supports the government agenda of healthy lifestyles and active recreation.

We have also been responding to government consultations on Business rates. This is massively important, because as I've mentioned before most of our funding comes from central government, not Council tax, in the form of rate support.

This is being phased out, and replaced with councils keeping 100% of business rates. The devil will be in the detail, but basically they will be setting a baseline at some point, and we don't want to lose all the gains we have made by being a growth area and delivering the governments agenda. There is also the issue that unless you have a Mayor (not in the civic sense) you don't get to increase business rates. You will be pleased to know council tax will still be capped as well, so this leaves all councils with a bit of a problem.

There is also a Parliamentary Boundary Review taking place which we have responded from an East Northants Council area point of view. There will be many different views on the subject, but from our point of view what we have asked for is the East Northants Council ward areas to remain in the same Parliamentary Constituencies. I have of course spoken to our Member of Parliament on this very important issue, and I know he will be going into the wider implications in greater detail.

As part of this review the council has also supported renaming the Constituencies to Corby & East Northamptonshire, and Wellingborough & Rushden. In our view the rural areas and the towns in East Northamptonshire need much greater recognition.

Steven North

Leader East Northants District Council

Just a thought: 'Alcohol is the cause of, and the solution to, all of life's problems.'

Homer Simpson

BOUNDARY REVIEW 2016—UPDATE

The initial proposals by the Boundary Commission are that the Corby Constituency loses Irthlingborough to Wellingborough, and Kettering gains Finedon but our local MPs have formulated a co-ordinated approach to suggest some slight amendments which they believe are better bearing in mind historical and local links.



A briefing meeting, to which all members were invited, was held on Sat. 17th September to explain the proposed changes and discuss alternative options. The County MPs have now agreed a joint plan for the new boundaries and have presented their ideas to the Boundary Commission.

The 12 week public consultation period concludes on 5th December 2016.

The Boundary Commission website is at www.bce2018.org.uk.

The Corby Conservative Club now has a new website which contains lots of information about what is happening at the Club.

Go to www.corbyconservativeclub.net to learn more about the Club. At the website you will find a copy of the Club's magazine 'Club Life'. The magazine has details of forthcoming events and will let you know of other organisations which use the Club such as 'Weight Watchers'.



A copy of the Club magazine is also on our webpage at www.cenca.co.uk and you can see a copy by clicking on the tab 'Corby Conservative Club'.



The Club has free wifi. Just ask a member of staff for the login code.

The Club operates a fine restaurant from Wednesday to Sunday - why not pop in and enjoy a good meal or bar snack when in the area? The Restaurant is open to non-members.



Of course, Party members are very welcome to join and support this excellent Club!

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THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - These are Momentous Times

Well, 120 days is a very long time in politics!

We have now had three monumental events encircle our lives over the last four months.

Firstly the fact that around 65% of the UK outside of the conurbations of London, Birmingham and Manchester chose to instruct our Government to begin the process to leave the EU. What a surprise this was to the enclaves of Westminster most of whom thought that they were in touch with Mr Average UK citizen - well they were not! Not only were they proved to be out of touch, but our Prime Minister Mr Cameron then chose to 'throw his toys out of the pram' and resign. What a cowardly way to end a career - but wait - he will resurrect himself with £10,000 per time after-dinner speeches.....what a spectacular new career that will be.

Secondly we have an unelected Prime Minister Theresa May. I personally feel that she was the best choice from what remains of the senior figures with the credibility to lead our Party, but I trust that she will learn from the lessons of the past that the people of this great Country will not be ignored. On the contrary I would advise her to set up area forums where she could at least ascertain what it is that Mr Average wants and needs - but will this happen now she is ensconced in Number 10? I doubt it.

Thirdly, on 9th November the biggest democracy and most powerful nation on earth decided they have had enough of the Political Elite; good on them. Mrs May please take heed. The political class of this country appear to be so out of touch with reality that it beggars belief.

This not only includes many of our Parliamentary representatives but also those at local level. All I see is interest in the next election and getting re-elected again, and for what reasons for many other than money and greed.



One final point is the suggestion yet again of getting rid of the triple lock on pensions. We have to thank David Cameron and the Conservative government for this. The partial transferable marriage tax allowance was another great help to the elderly. We can't lose these.

Why do the elite continually campaign against the pensioners? Why do the young believe that they are so hard done by? It has never been easy for young people starting out in life—our generation couldn't afford i-phones, computers and cars but today these items seem to be absolutely necessary to all youngsters. And why do the elite and the young consider that £145 per week is enough for retired people to live on?

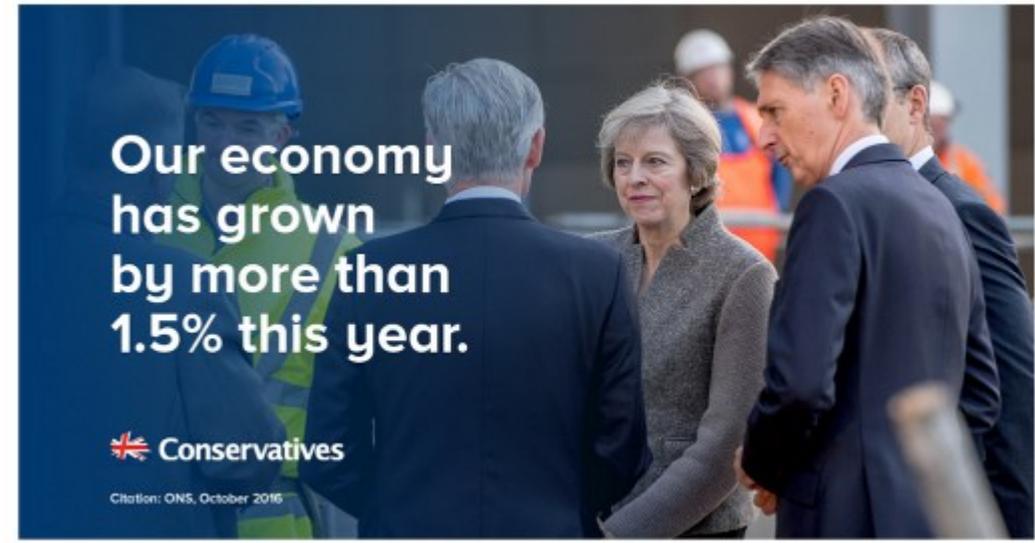
These questions need an answer but I feel that they will not be the answers the pensioners of this country, who have worked hard and endured 'actual' austerity, want to hear.

MOG

MOG is not a member of our Association and his comments are obviously his own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of our members, Association or its management.

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Enclosed with the printed magazine members will find a form for renewal of subscriptions. Members will need to have renewed prior to the next AGM in order to be able to attend that meeting. If any member is in doubt as to whether their membership is up to date please contact the office. Members can contact the office for a printable pdf form as an attachment to be sent to them via email. Forms are also available by post. A form for payment by S.O. can also be supplied on request. Anyone who is interested in joining the Association is invited to contact the Association Office and request a membership form.



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1 Nov 2016

Figures released by the Office of National Statistics show that between July and September 2016, the British economy grew by 0.5%, meaning our economy has grown by over 1.5% in 2016.

As we move toward negotiations with the EU, we are determined to get the best deal for families and businesses. And as these figures show, we are well-placed to deal with any challenges and take advantage of the opportunities ahead.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond said: "The fundamentals of the UK economy are strong, and today's data show that the economy is resilient. We are moving into a period of negotiations with the EU and we are determined to get the very best deal for households and businesses. The economy will need to adjust to a new relationship with the EU, but we are well-placed to deal with the challenges and take advantage of opportunities ahead." With a growing and resilient economy and strong links with the rest of the world we are well placed to build a truly global Britain and deliver an economy that works for everyone.