

## Report for Parishes

This year I have been asked to be very brief and so, as we have a new Council, I will concentrate on the future rather than the past!

West Northamptonshire Council came into existence on the 1<sup>st</sup> April and following the election on 5<sup>th</sup> May, your 3 councillors are me - Rebecca Breese, Rosie Herring, an experienced councillor who represented Culworth, Eydon etc and Richard Solesbury Timms – a first time councillor. If the PC or residents need to get in contact, we are contactable at, for example [rosie.herring@westnorthants.gov.uk](mailto:rosie.herring@westnorthants.gov.uk).

In addition to splitting services from NCC across the two councils, we have had to combine and incorporate the services offered by SNC, Daventry and Northampton Borough. This work stream has shown that there are in excess of 1000 different services offered across West Northamptonshire.

**We will be the 5<sup>th</sup> largest Unitary in England after Cornwall, Buckinghamshire, County Durham and Wiltshire**

**Have a net budget of £326,570,000**

**Have a staff headcount of 2295**

**Serving a population of 432,000**

Over the last 3 years the finances of the County Council been brought under control. Following a transformation by the finance team, NCC has gone from a position of negative reserves in 2018, to bequeathing reserves of c£48m to WNC. I hope this profound change of ethos will serve our residents well as we embark on our journey as a new unitary council in the heart of England.

Rebecca Breese