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Hello, I'm councillor Jason Smithers and thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity here at North Northamptonshire. I am looking for a chief executive who will play a vital role in delivering a bold and prosperous future for North Northamptonshire.

As a place North Northamptonshire has a lot going for it, a central location excellent transport links, beautiful rural Countryside, strong retail and cultural attractions, vibrant towns and quaint Villages all bristling with their own character. The area has been rapidly growing too and responsibly with the strong business growth in both traditional and emerging sectors - such as green sustainable Technologies.

As a council we have a lot going for us too since our Creation in April 2021, we have achieved a great deal we have made sound progress in delivering our corporate plan. We have developed a strong focus on financial and Performance Management and our transformation program has delivered both improvements to services and reduction in costs.

We have also made good progress on our Ambitions of being an employer of choice, recognizing that we need to invest and value and develop our staff as they are our most important assets. As a council we are very self-aware too, we acknowledge that we have a lot more to do. We need as well as continuing to deliver our corporate plan we need to develop our role as a community leader and a place shaper, we understand that by working alongside others as equal Partners to deliver a shared Future Vision the whole will be greater than the sum of its parts. North Northamptonshire submerging bold vision for 2050 known as the big 50 has got us off to a good start. We want to continue this work and harness the energy of our local communities to achieve great things in the future both near and far.

Despite our progress in rationalization - what we do -we are not immune to the challenges of increasing service demands and inflationary cost pressures, this is compounded by the fact that we are one of the fastest growing areas outside of London. We have worked hard to respond to the challenges we face but there is naturally more that we need to do we know that in order to achieve our future Ambitions and respond to the challenges we Face we're going to have, to be bolder and do things differently and although we need to be bold we need to continue to do the things responsibly and effectively put in our communities staff and Partners at the center of all that we do.

The challenges and opportunities of this role are significant, both North of Hamptonshire, the area and the council are in good shape all the building blocks are in place, a bold broader vision for the area is emerging. We are now looking for a Chief executive who can pick up from where we are and work collaboratively and boldly to deliver our future ambitious plans, if you feel you have what it takes then I very much welcome your application.

Thank you for your time.