

Message from the Leader - Transcript

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Hello, I'm Jason Smithers, Leader of North Northamptonshire Council.

Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity.

Our ambition is for North Northamptonshire to be an exemplar council and to deliver excellent services that our residents trust and are proud of.

As a council, we want to challenge conventional thinking and find new, innovative ways of doing things that make a real and lasting difference to the lives of our residents.

Our corporate plan sets out very clearly our ambition and the key commitments we have made to our residents.

We are making solid progress in delivering these, but we want to continue to increase our momentum, building on the solid foundations we have been laying down in terms of our priorities.

Our young people are vitally important to us. Our future is quite literally in their hands, and we know that their future is in our hands too.

The role of Executive Director for Children's Services at North Northamptonshire presents a real opportunity.

An opportunity to lead a service that is at the very heart of our local communities.

A service that has the potential to make a real and lasting difference to the lives of young people today, tomorrow, and for future generations to come.

We are not embarking on this journey alone.

North Northamptonshire has been ambitious in embracing the power of partnership working.

Our BIG50 Future Vision programme, for example, which is overseen by a cross-sector steering group, is taking a broader approach to the delivery of a bolder vision.

Organisations from across the voluntary, business, health and public sector are working together to focus on a common set of priority outcomes for the area.

Skills, education, jobs, housing, better health, transport and the environment are vital to our future, as is our ability to engage, support and develop our younger people through the BIG50.

We are absolutely committed to delivering the best life for all in North Northamptonshire, and making it a proud, prosperous and proactive place to live, work and play.

We would really like to hear from you and talk more about what you can bring to North Northamptonshire, and our younger people and the delivery of North Northamptonshire's future vision.

Thank you and good luck.