Welcome to my first newsletter, where I aim to keep you in touch with my work as your voice in policing and criminal justice in Northamptonshire.

In the autumn, the governance of Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service transfers to my office, so I will be updating you on developments in fire matters too. I will explain the reason for the change in this newsletter and tell you how I hope it will better support work in Northamptonshire.

The information in this newsletter is for you to use, please do adapt it for your own channels and let me know what you would like to hear about in future editions.

*Stephen Mold*
Police and Crime Commissioner

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**Chief Constable candidate chosen**

*Nick Adderley to be considered by Police and Crime Panel on 5th July*

I am delighted to announce Nick Adderley (pictured) as my preferred candidate for Chief Constable of Northamptonshire Police.

Nick stood out throughout a rigorous selection process that culminated in two days of interviews, including a panel to local authority leaders and chief executives.

Nick is currently Assistant Chief Constable at Staffordshire Police and brings a wealth of experience in operational policing and partnership working.

Nick’s appointment will be considered by the Police and Crime Panel on July 5 and I hope that he will soon be with us here in Northamptonshire and making a plan to improve policing in the county.

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All change for the fire service

The way Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service is governed will change later this year, when it moves away from Northamptonshire County Council and to the Office of the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Police and Fire Service have been working very closely together in Northamptonshire since the beginning of 2013 and in fact, we are nationally recognised as leaders in this area. Buildings, vehicles and joint operational teams are already shared and fire and crime prevention is carried out jointly.

When the Commissioner’s Office carried out a consultation about the change, 63 per cent of local people and 92 per cent of Fire and Rescue staff voted to create a Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

Governance will transfer to the PCC later this year

What will change for the Fire and Rescue Service?

Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service will remain a separate organisation, with its own chief officers, its own uniform and its own role. The close working relationship with Northamptonshire Police will continue, and they will share more buildings and support services where it makes sense to do so. This will help to reduce costs and allow investment in frontline services to respond to the needs of a growing county.

In his new role, the Chief Fire Officer will be accountable for performance to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, just like the Chief Constable.

After the transfer however, the Fire and Rescue Service will have its own, ring-fenced budget which cannot be used for any other purpose.

These plans are still in development, and we will keep the public updated as they take shape.

Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold said: “It is important to me to provide a solid, stable future for the Fire Service, investing in frontline people and equipment while making positive changes so that both services can work together where it makes sense to do so.”
Can our cadets support you?

A charity which helps young people experience the work of the emergency services is looking for opportunities to support community events.

Northamptonshire Emergency Services Cadets (NESC) enables teenagers aged 13 to 18 to learn about and take an active role in supporting the county’s police, fire and ambulance services.

Meeting weekly in school term time, members of each of the six NESC units also volunteer within their communities, including sharing crime prevention and fire safety advice.

Cadets can also provide a range of support services for events and businesses, in return for a donation to the NESC scheme. Previous activities include helping with parking and event safety, serving refreshments, conducting safety checks and distributing leaflets.

For more information visit www.nescadets.co.uk or to enquire, email: admin@nescadets.co.uk.

Scheme lets communities sponsor their own PCSO

PCC is empowering local areas through initiative

There are currently three locally-sponsored Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Northamptonshire and more will soon be taking their place in the police family.

The role is part of a new scheme developed by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner which allows communities to pay for a PCSO that will be dedicated to their area.

The scheme is open to organisations such as parish councils and business districts. Daventry Town Council and Kettering Borough Council were the first to take up the opportunity and now have sponsored PCSOs working in their area.

Sponsored PCSOs supplement the work of Northamptonshire Police in a local area. What makes this scheme different is the guarantee that the sponsored officer will be dedicated to their area. Sponsored PCSOs are only deployed on other duties in exceptional circumstances such as a major incident.

Northamptonshire Police pays for all training, uniform and equipment for a sponsored PCSO – a sponsor simply covers their salary and on-costs.

Stephen Mold, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, said: “We have developed this scheme to allow communities to contribute towards enhanced policing at a time when other Forces are reducing the use of PCSOs.

“I have been delighted by the response to this scheme from partners and I know that given the valuable work that PCSOs do, this will undoubtedly lead to a safer Northamptonshire.”
Fighting for fairer funding

"I was very pleased to hear the Home Secretary, Sajid Javid, tell the Police Federation that he will prioritise police funding during the next Home Office spending review," writes Police and Crime Commissioner Stephen Mold.

"I have been clear that Northamptonshire does not get a fair deal in police funding. Our resources have been consistently frozen and so this year, I asked council taxpayers to contribute more to support policing.

"Northamptonshire Police has had more funding each year since I became Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016, but central government funding continues to be uncertain. Sadly, the current funding formula is based on outdated measures and needs to reflect the changing nature of crime and its effects, and to be more accurately based on the size of our population.

"I can guarantee that we’ll be doing everything possible to make the best use of public money, including working more closely with the Fire Service to share buildings and other enabling services. I am accountable to the public for the way their money is spent and I take that responsibility seriously."

New investment in custody healthcare

The Police and Crime Commissioner has invested £1 million in a new contract to provide healthcare for people detained in custody by Northamptonshire Police.

The Force has a legal responsibility for the welfare of people in its custody and the investment will better meet their needs. And significantly, the new contract will mean that police officers will spend far less time taking detained people out of the custody block to have medical treatment elsewhere.

Chief Superintendent Mick Stamper - pictured above with PCC Stephen Mold - said: “We welcome and support this investment. A lot of frontline officers’ time is spent transporting detained persons to hospitals and remaining while they are treated and often detectives are delayed in their investigations whilst they wait for medical support for their suspect.”

Update on the work of the PCC

Outlining the work to be done

In the next few weeks, the Police and Crime Commissioner (pictured) will be publishing an update on the work that he has undertaken to deliver the Police and Crime Plan on behalf of the people of this county and outlining what needs to be done in the coming two years of his term.

The Police and Crime Plan aims for a safer Northamptonshire by building stronger community partnerships, keeping young people safe, protecting people from harm and putting victims at the heart of justice. You can see the Police and Crime Plan at www.northantspcc.org.uk/PoliceandCrimePlan

When the report is published, there will be an opportunity to meet the Police and Crime Commissioner and find out more about developments planned over the next two years. We’ll be publishing more details in a future newsletter.

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