



Dear Erica,

I am writing to every parish and town council in the county with a special request. Northants CALC is working with Northamptonshire Police to establish a new approach to liaison between parish and town councils and the police, the idea being that each parish appoints a person to act as a single point of contact for the police. It is the same principle as the Parish Paths Warden Scheme for rights of way, or the Highways Representative Scheme for highways (and we will work to re-establish and reinvigorate those schemes in 2021 too).

I would be very grateful if you would consider adding to the January agenda for Norton Parish Council the following item:

"To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police".

A role description for the Police Liaison Reps is available at <https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/police-liaison-representative-role-description-vdec20.pdf> and there is Q&A summary below.

It is entirely up to the council who is appointed... it could be the clerk, a councillor or a member of the public. It is envisaged that the Police Liaison Reps will receive regular updates from the police and an invitation to an annual briefing.

When Norton Parish Council has appointed a Police Liaison Representative, please submit the name and e-mail address of the person appointed by filling out the form at <https://bit.ly/2KejFh1>.

Let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Danny.

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Police Liaison Representative Q&A

1. Where has this project come from?

The idea originally came from Sergeant Sam Dobbs, who was the Police Sergeant for Daventry District. Following a meeting with Northants CALC in 2017 to discuss the role that parish and town councils can play in community safety, it was agreed to ask each council in the district of Daventry to consider appointing a Police Liaison Representative as a pilot. Almost every parish appointed a PLR and some of them are still active but the scheme faltered because the police didn't have the resources to administer and manage the scheme. Northamptonshire Police has commissioned Northants CALC to do the administration and management on its behalf.

2. What will a Police Liaison Representative do?

Essentially, the Police Liaison Representative will act as a single point of contact between the Neighbourhood Policing Team and the council to ensure a two-way flow of information on community safety matters. A role description is available at <https://www.northantscalc.com/uploads/police-liaison-representative-role-description-vdec20.pdf>.

3. Who can be a Police Liaison Representative?

It is envisaged that the majority of Police Liaison Representatives will be parish councillors, but who the council appoints is up to the council. It could be a councillor, an officer, or a member of the public.

4. What are the benefits to the council?

By appointing someone whose job it is to understand how the Neighbourhood Policing Team works, who to contact, and what the current community safety issues are it is hoped that councils will feel more connected to the Neighbourhood Policing Team. This in turn will lead

to better sharing of information, which will impact positively on community safety and crime reduction.

5. What are the benefits to the police?

The police need eyes and ears and need to be able to work positively with communities. Establishing a single point of contact makes it easier for the police to engage with communities and makes communication more efficient and effective.

6. Why is the project happening now?

It is more important than ever that resources are used as intelligently as possible. The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are being reorganised early in 2021, so this is an ideal time to put the Police Liaison Representative scheme in place. One of the key roles of the Police Liaison Representative is to develop an understanding of the policing resources available locally, and to work in partnership with the police to make the most of them.

7. What does success look like?

The aim is to recruit one Police Liaison Representatives for each parish. If a parish council is not able to appoint a Police Liaison Representative it will be important to understand the reasons why, so that any structural issues can be addressed. The scheme will be reviewed regularly; it will only be worthwhile if it adds value for everyone involved.

8. What do councils need to do?

Put *"To appoint a Police Liaison Representative to act as a single point of contact with Northamptonshire Police"* on the council's next agenda and then submit the name and e-mail address of the person appointed by filling out the form at <https://bit.ly/2KejFh1>. All Police Liaison Representatives will receive an introductory welcome e-mail.