

Reflections on the last 12 months at NCC

The last year has been a time of great change for NCC, replacing its Chief Executive a few times, dismissing most of the original members of the Cabinet and having to deal with two 144 notices as NCC did not keep to its approved spending limits.

NCC now has 3 Government Commissioners overseeing its operations, leading up to the introduction of two new unitary authorities in May 2020.

The good news is that the 2017/18 overspent budget has been settled and the forecast overspend for this current year [estimated as £64.1 million in August 2018] is now expected to be around £1.4 million by 31 March 2019 – a remarkable transformation in budget management.

Moving forwards, the Council has listened to the public and has agreed to re-introduce the original gritting routes for the winter of 2019/20.

This is the last NCC budget for this county and the NCC increase in Council Tax for the next 12 months is 4.99%.

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