

# **Report from NNDC Councillor Vincent FitzPatrick February 2016**

## **Investors in People**

NNDC have been awarded the Investors in People Gold Standard. The Investors in People Standard is a nationally recognised framework that helps organisations to improve their performance through effective management and development of their people.

Gold is the highest level of recognition which organisations can achieve and is only given to those that are able to demonstrate a degree of excellence in the way they develop and support their staff. In achieving Gold, NNDC has demonstrated continued commitment to empowering and engaging NNDC staff, supporting a culture of learning and creating a high performance environment that delivers a good quality service to NNDC customers.

## **Big Society Fund Grants – Reminder**

A quick reminder - the next round of applications closes on 8 February 2016. If you know of any community groups who would like to apply, please get them to get in touch with NNDC (via Sonia Shuter tel. 01263 516173, email [supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk)) or visit [www.northnorfolk.org/big society fund](http://www.northnorfolk.org/big society fund)

## **Planning Application – PF/15/1515 – Sunnyside Cottage**

This application has been withdrawn by the applicant.

## **Signature refresh for postal voters**

More than 800 letters have been sent to voters in the district who have been voting by postal vote or postal proxy vote for more than five years asking them to return a form with a fresh signature.

Returning the completed form by 19 February 2016 will ensure that they will remain eligible to vote in future elections without having to apply to vote in this way again. Reminder notices will be sent to those who have not returned their form by 9 February 2016.

People are being urged to complete the form before the deadline date 19 February 2016 or their right to vote by post will be removed and they will have to reapply to vote in this way.

Cllr Judy Oliver, Cabinet Member for Democratic Services at North Norfolk District Council said: “I would urge people who do exercise their democratic right to vote in this way to return the form if they receive one.”

The work is being done to help prevent postal vote fraud and to reflect the natural change in someone’s signature over a five year period.

If people have any questions about the process please contact Electoral Services at [register@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:register@north-norfolk.gov.uk) or call on 01263 516046/516317.

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