

## Ward councillor's report (Daventry Town Council) June 2024

### Local Government Association Peer Challenge – WNC

Last month's Town and Parish briefing made reference to the positive feedback received from this independent review. West Northants as a location in the centre of the country with a large range of businesses and low unemployment is described as having *many advantages which would be the envy of other areas, including massive potential for economic and housing growth.*

The briefing article did not include any of the eight recommendations on how services WNC provides could be improved. Among these recommendations are developing an overall vision for West Northants (*partners are keen to work with the council but not yet clear of the new council's strategic ambitions and aims*); developing a plan to manage medium to long term budget pressures (*General Fund budget gap of £53.4m identified for 2025/26.. unclear how the council plans to tackle these budget gaps for future years*): considering an overhaul of the website (*difficult for customers and staff to navigate*). The review also commented that town and parish councils as a collective group *feel largely disconnected from the business of the new council and feel unable to bring influence on developments on the group, for example what will happen on transfer of assets.* [West Northamptonshire Corporate Peer Challenge | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](#)

The annual report of WNC's external auditor has also made three key recommendations relating to significant weaknesses in the council's financial sustainability, its internal audit arrangements and financial statements. The auditor's view is that the council's financial reserves are low (the 10<sup>th</sup> lowest out of 58 unitary authorities) and should be increased to enable it to withstand any future financial shocks. WNC does not agree.

There is much interesting commentary in this report on how WNC provides adult and children's services and how it functions as a landlord and a planning authority. As regards expenditure, benchmarking shows that highways and transport spending is 17.7% higher than WNC's nearest neighbours and planning and development 40% more, while adult social care is 13.1% below its nearest neighbours. The report can be found here:

[\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Audit and Governance Committee, 05/06/2024 18:00 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

### Crick Solar Farm Watling St WND/2022/1084

A 55 hectare site for a solar farm between the A5 and the M1 close to Kilsby and Crick was approved last week which could meet the annual needs of 14,000 households with clean energy once constructed. Extra traffic control measures will be put in place to meet the concerns of Crick Parish Council regarding the dangerous junction of Kilsby Rd at the A5, which construction vehicles will use to access the site.

## **General Election 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Residents without an acceptable form of ID have until 5pm on Wednesday 26 June to apply for their Voter ID. [Voter ID | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk) The same deadline applies for any resident wishing to apply for a proxy vote

[Apply for a postal vote or proxy vote | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

WNC is recruiting various roles for the election at rates of up to £288 per day running a polling station or £19 per hour helping at a count. Applicants do not have to live in the county: [Employment opportunities at elections | West Northamptonshire Council \(westnorthants.gov.uk\)](https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk)

Cllr Rosie Humphreys

24<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**REPORT TO:** Town Council – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**REPORT ON:** Recommendations from Committees  
**REPORT BY:** Responsible Finance Officer  
**REPORT DATE:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

**Planning & Development Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

No recommendations.

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**Community Services Committee – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**CS2403.7 BURTON MEMORIAL CONSERVATION.**

<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	That Council approve the appointment of David Sleight Conservation to provide a detailed inspection report on the condition of the Burton Memorial at a cost of £1410.00.
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**Finance, Policy & Assets Committee – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**FP2406.5. POLICIES.**

<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	(i) Financial Regulations, be approved. (ii) Training Policy, be approved. (iii) Expenses Policy, be approved. (iv) Communication and Community Participation Policy, be approved. (v) Communication Protocol, be approved. (vi) Email Communication, be approved.
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**FP2406.8 TOWN ENHANCEMENTS - CHRISTMAS LIGHTS.**

<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	To approve expenditure of £19,850 from the Christmas Lights Scheme earmarked reserves to complete repairs, renewals and additions.
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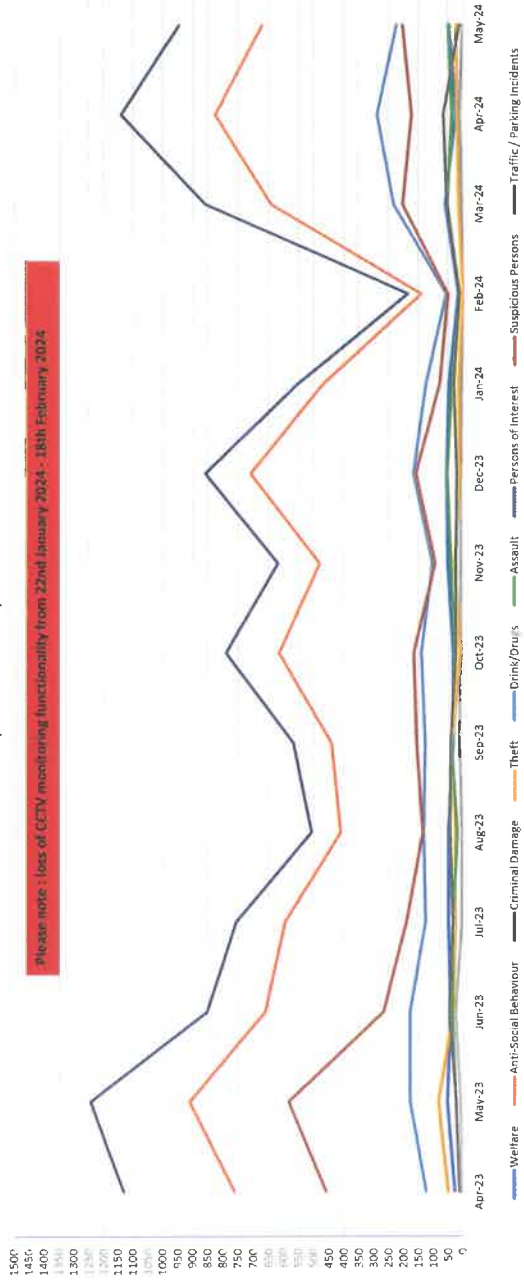
**Planning & Development Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

No recommendations.

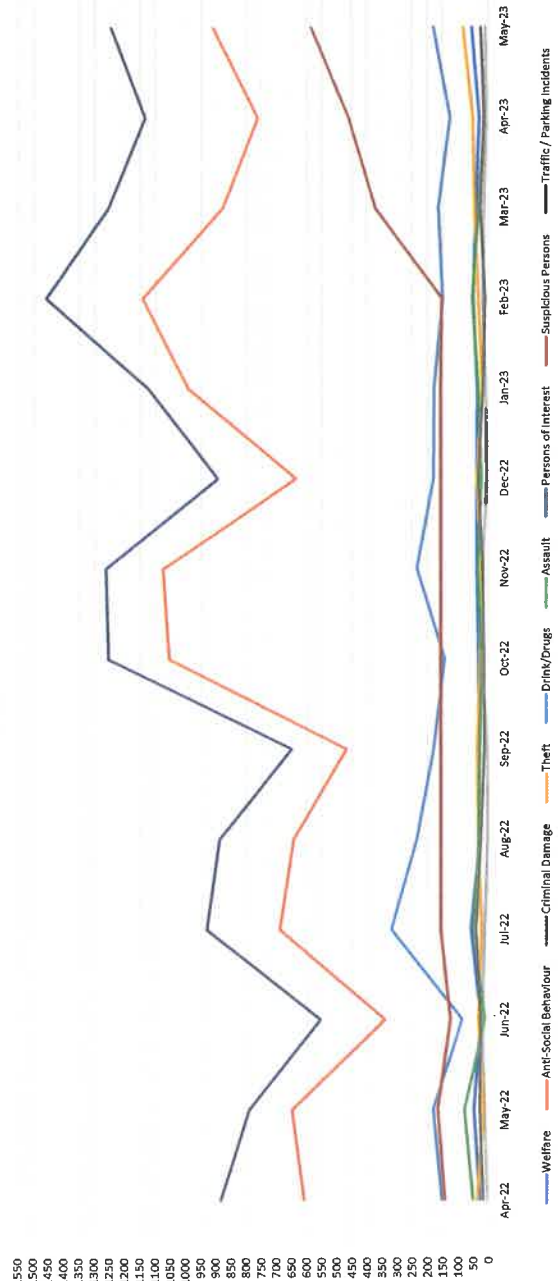
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### CCTV Log Book Incidents April 2023 to May 2024

Please note: loss of CCTV monitoring functionality from 22nd January 2024 - 18th February 2024

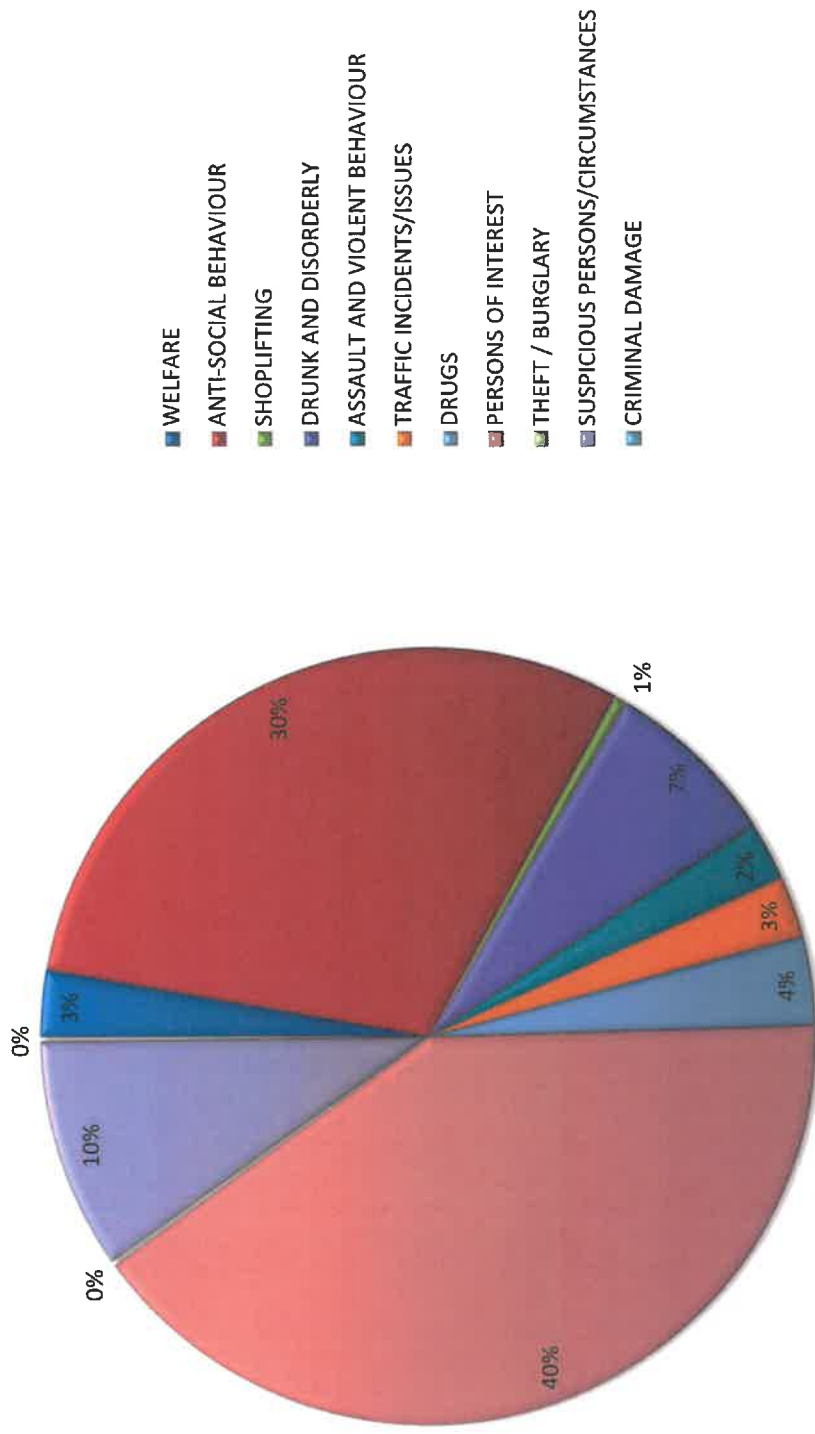


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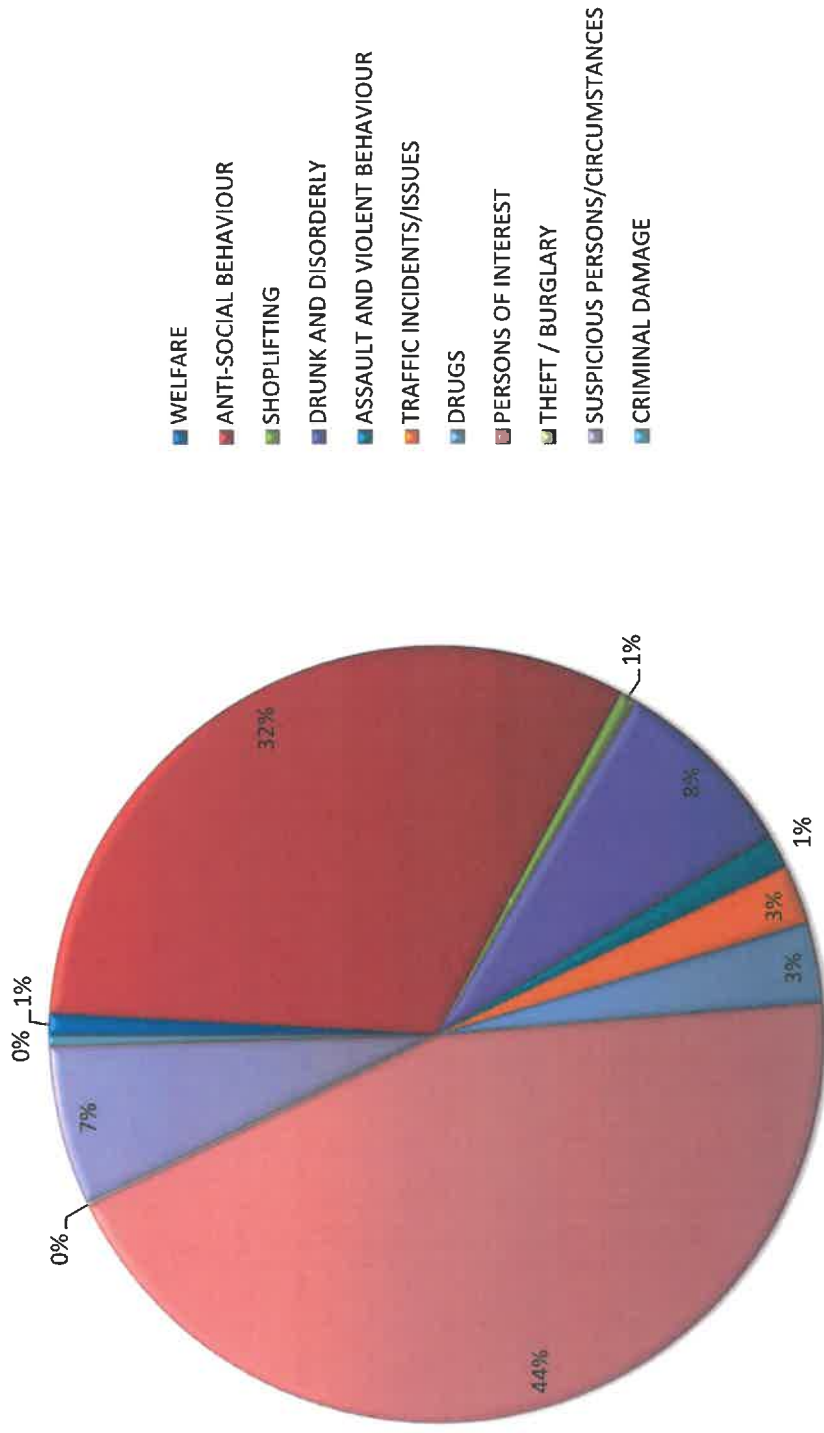
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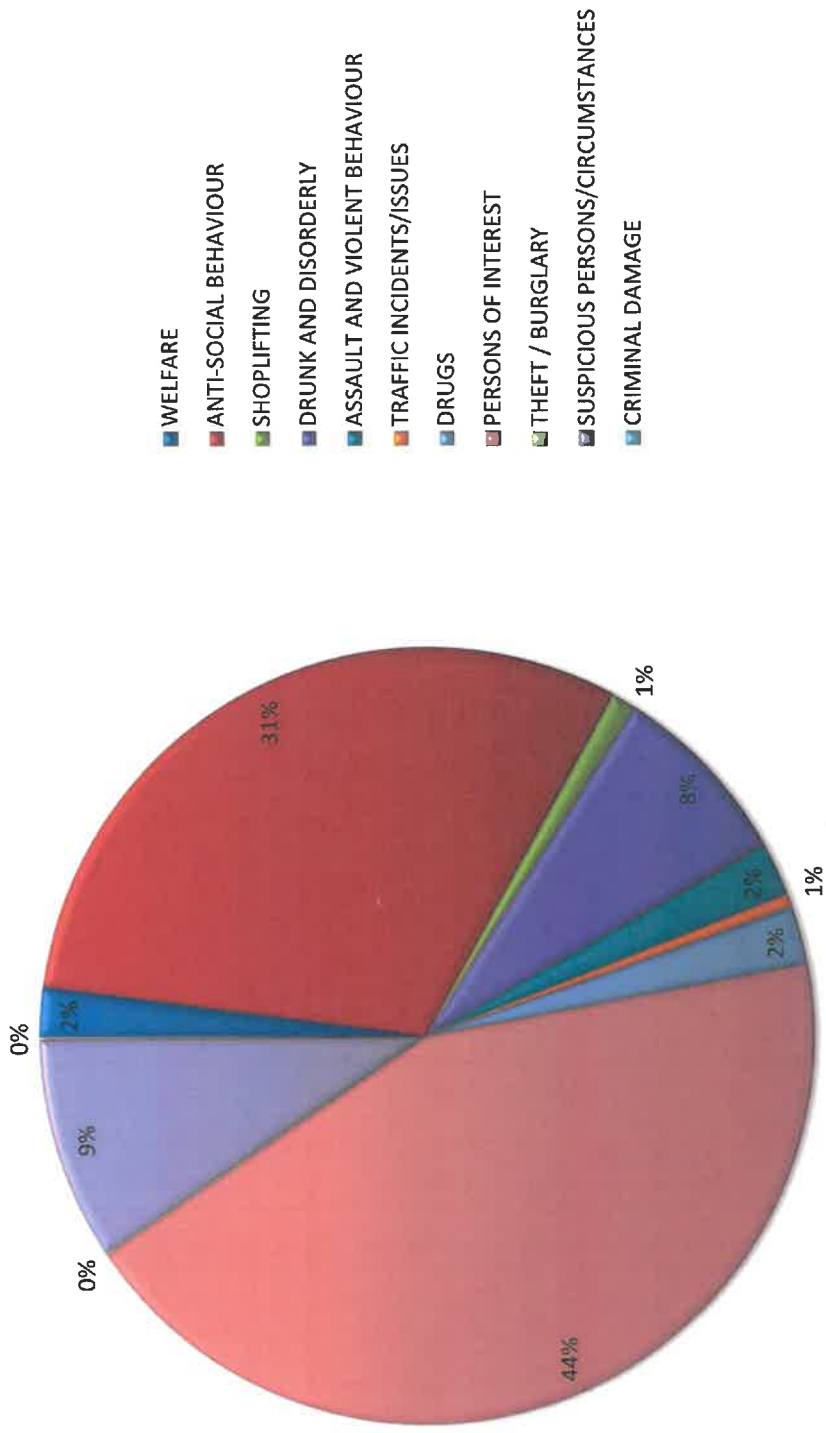




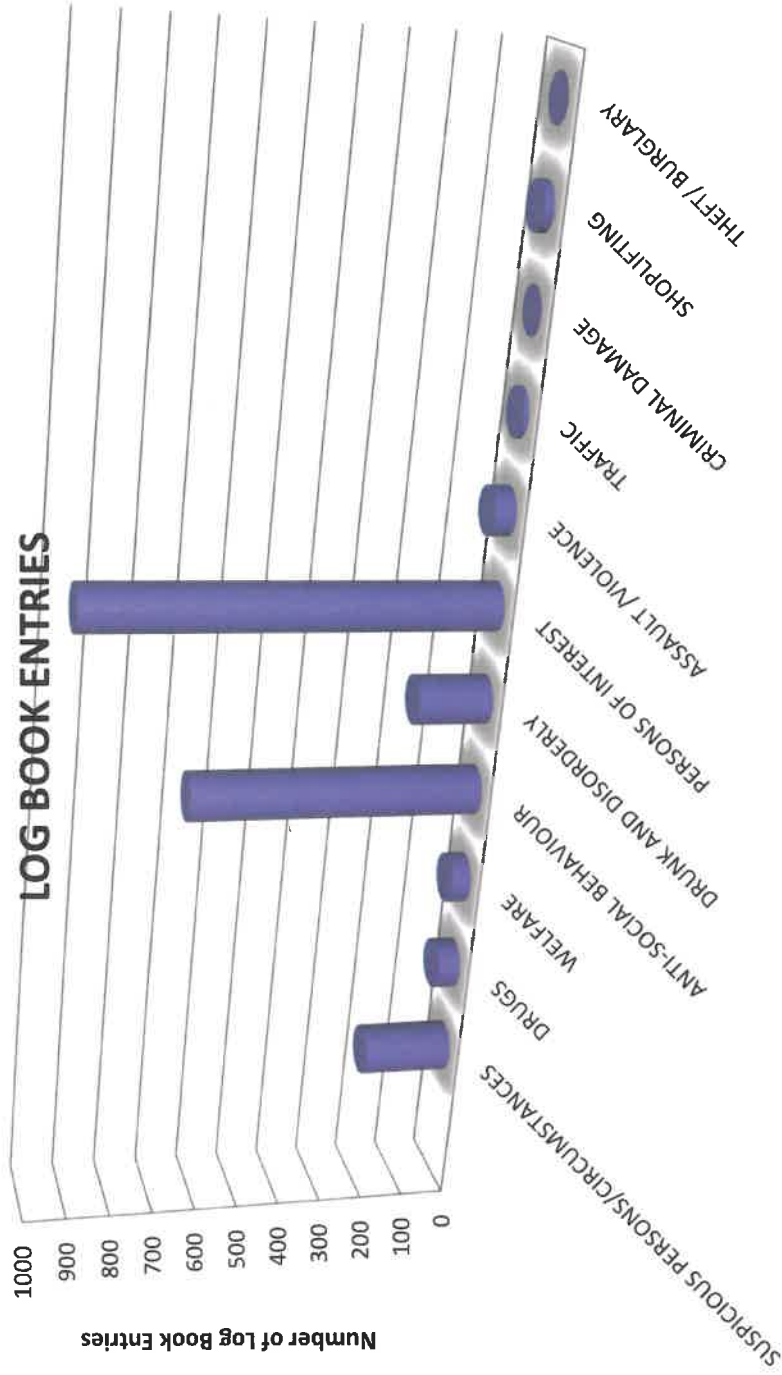


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■ LOG BOOK INCIDENTS										