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Rural Forum Updates - Autumn 2016

This email is designed to update the Rural Forum on issues and information that may be relevant to the Rural agenda. If you have any items to add for future updates please contact David Pope at Kettering Borough Council dpope@kettering.gov.uk

Police & Crime Plan Priorities - The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, Stephen Mold, has launched a public consultation of his **draft police and crime priorities**, in order to determine the issues that matter most to the people of the county.

The consultation – available from October 13th to November 24th at www.YourPCC.co.uk – will be split into three sections, with residents, police staff and partner organisations all being given the opportunity to contribute.

Review of Parliamentary Boundary Constituencies - Parliament has specified that the 2018 Review must reduce the number of constituencies, and therefore MPs, in the UK, to 600. It has asked the Boundary Commission for England, as an independent and impartial body, to consider where the boundaries of the new constituencies in England should be, ensuring that every new constituency has roughly the same number of electors; no fewer than 71,031 and no more than 78,507.

To find out what the initial proposals are for the Kettering Constituency and comment on them please visit the Boundary Commission for England website at <https://www.bce2018.org.uk/> Please note this will be on the agenda at the December Rural Forum meeting.

BT - Consultation on payphone removals - British Telecommunications (BT) public consultation on the subject of payphone removals in the Borough. The letter advised that 18 payphones across the Borough had been identified for removal and consultation notices have been posted on each to alert local residents and payphone users to the intended removal.

Local communities are provided with the opportunity to “adopt” traditional red phone boxes for the sum of £1. Further details are obtainable from the following link – <http://business.bt.com/phone-services/payphone-services/adoptakiosk>. Please note this will be on the agenda at the December Rural Forum meeting.

Kettering's night-time economy - The night-time economy brings many benefits to the borough and we are keen to hear the views of local residents and those who visit and use the facilities in Kettering Town Centre. We are interested in those who use the town centre between 5pm and 5am, be it for shopping, cultural events, entertainment or leisure. A survey can be completed at, http://www.kettering.gov.uk/info/200006/arts_and_entertainment/1735/we_want_your_feedback

Local Council Tax Support scheme - Kettering Borough Council is currently consulting on its Local Council Tax Support scheme for 2017/18. Details of the options and how to respond to the consultation can be found at www.kettering.gov.uk/lcts

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) - All of NCC's current consultations can be found at <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/en/councilservices/council/consultations>

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