

## **PART 1**

# **Introduction**

## **Location**

The District of North East Derbyshire lies on the edge of the Peak District National Park, where the foothills of the Pennines meet the Midland plain. Covering 100 square miles, and with some of the most beautiful scenery in the Country, the District is home for almost 100,000 people and is a popular visiting place for ramblers and tourists.

Our services cover both town and rural areas, with the biggest population centres being;

**Dronfield**  
**Killamarsh**  
**Eckington**  
**Clay Cross**  
**North Wingfield**  
**Wingerworth**

## **About NEDDC**

In England and Wales there are six types of council:

- County council
- District council
- Parish / town council
- Metropolitan council
- Shire English and Welsh Unitary authorities
- London boroughs.

What this means is that, depending where you live, you may have more than one council responsible for your local services.

## **Councils are responsible for the following services:**

- Cemeteries and burials
- Crime and anti-social behaviour deterrent
- Education
- Environmental Health
- Fire
- Housing
- Highways
- Leisure
- Libraries
- Public footpaths
- Parks and open spaces
- Passenger Transport
- Planning applications
- Revenue collection
- Social Services
- Strategic Planning
- Transport planning

- Tourism
- Waste collection
- Waste Disposal
- Village and civic halls

Metropolitan, unitary single tier and London boroughs provide all the above local services in their areas, which are mainly towns and cities.

Derbyshire has a three-tier system of local government. This means that, throughout most of the county services are shared between three councils.

In our case, these are Derbyshire County Council, North East Derbyshire District Council and your parish or town council.

Derbyshire County Council provides the following services:

- Education
- Fire
- Highways
- Libraries
- Passenger transport
- Social Services
- Strategic Planning
- Transport planning
- Waste Disposal

North East Derbyshire District Council provides the following services:

- Housing
- Environmental Health
- Leisure & Recreation
- Planning applications
- Revenue collection
- Waste Collection

Town and parish councils may provide the following services:

- Cemeteries and burial
- Crime and anti-social behaviour deterrent
- Public footpaths
- Parks and open spaces
- Tourism
- Village and civic halls

### **Who we are and how we work**

The *Leader of the Council* is elected by the Council. The *Head of Paid Service* is appointed jointly with Bolsover District Council. The Council is governed by 53 *Councillors* elected by local people. We have approximately 400 staff, working in three *directorates*. We have a *Constitution* which sets out how we work and what we can do.

## Our vision

Our vision for 2019-23 is:-

“North East Derbyshire is clean and attractive; a place where people are proud to live and work; a place where people will prosper; and a place where people will feel safe, happy and healthy.”

## Our Values and Aims

We have four values that underpin all that we do and four aims that will help us to deliver our long term vision:

- Values
  - Honest, open and accountable;
  - Treat everyone fairly and with respect;
  - Listen, involve and respond; and
  - Embrace change and innovation.
  
- Aims
  - Enhancing our residents’ quality of life;
  - Protecting and promoting the character of our district;
  - Delivering high quality cost-effective services by engaging with our residents, our partners and our staff; and
  - Growing our local economy and being a business friendly district.

## Our Council Plan

Our detailed plans to achieve these priorities are set out in our *Council Plan 2019 – 2023*.

## Our partners

We work together with other local authorities and public bodies who provide other services. In our immediate area, we work closely with *Chesterfield Borough, Bolsover District and Derbyshire Dales District Councils* and we are also part of the Sheffield City Region and D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnerships. We have formed a strategic alliance with Bolsover District Council which means that a joint management team, led by joint directors, serves both authorities.

## Our constitution

We’ve adopted a *Constitution* which sets out how we operate and how we make decisions.

Our constitution is in several different parts:-

- This introduction and summary is part 1 of the *Constitution*
- In *Part 2* there are articles which explain how key parts of the Council work
- In *Part 3* there are details about who can do what in the Council
- In *Part 4* there are detailed rules about how particular things operate

- In *Part 5* there are codes and protocols about how *Councillors* and staff should behave and details of what *Councillors* can be paid
- In *Part 6* there is an A – Z of the Constitution where the meanings of particular words are given