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Council downsizes to Moat Lane

Dear Resident

Since South Northants Council's offices are in your area we feel that you have a special interest in the plan for the Council to relocate to the new office block to be built as part of the Moat Lane Development.

We want to give you the background to the decision and the criteria to make it a positive for Towcester and the whole District.

In January 2009 the idea of moving the offices was put forward. If it turned out to be viable, then there'd be three major gains:

- It would provide a Community building for everyone in Towcester to use for concerts, public and private events, a restaurant
- The Council would be in a smaller, more cost-effective building with about £200,000 overall annual savings from lower running costs, letting a retail unit and hiring out some facilities.
- The Moat Lane office block would have a guaranteed occupant which would likely increase developer interest and raise SNC's chances of getting the best deal for council taxpayers.

So, South Northants Councillors asked their officers to investigate.

A decision in principle to move was needed by the end of 2009 because it had to fit in with the timetable for the Moat Lane Development and because the County Council, with the library, and other public organisations were showing interest in sharing the community part of the building to save them money.

Before the relocation can be considered viable, several criteria need to be met, in both planning and financial terms:

- The whole relocation project, including redevelopment of the current site must be cost-neutral. There are, in fact, indications money could be left over for the Council.
- The traffic, parking and other issues resulting from the Moat Lane Development must comply with planning law. This applies even if the Council does not relocate there.

There will be public consultation on the planning application for the whole Moat Lane Development in June/July this year. (If the application is not approved by WNDC - and the reason why is not addressable by an amended application - the regeneration of Moat Lane and the town centre would not be able to go ahead.) There should then be some indication by the Autumn whether the relocation is financially viable.

Should the relocation take place and there is money left over this would be invested. The income from this could be used to reduce Council Tax.

Please contact us for more information and to answer any queries.

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Towcester Councillor is this year's Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council

County Councillor for Towcester, Rosemary Bromwich has been elected by her fellow Councillors to be Chairman of the County Council for the coming year.

Rosemary says, "this is a great honour, and I will be visiting our neighbouring counties, as well as events within the county to promote Northamptonshire as a great place to live and work."

"This will be a busy year for the Chairman, and I will now hold my Advice Surgeries by appointment any day of the week at Towcester Library. Please phone me to make appointments on 01327 830401."

Funds for your local group? "I have £10,000 to distribute to Towcester groups. Please contact me to request some of this grant."

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Andrea Leadsom says, "Thank you!"

"Thank you so much Towcester! I am completely delighted and honoured to be the first MP for South Northamptonshire, and aim to prove that politics is an honourable profession. Thank you for the opportunity to represent you."

"Please visit my website www.andrealeadsom.com to keep up to date with what I am doing."

