

DCC Report – (Cllr Robert A Parkinson) – Update 13th December 2022

Public consultation on £1.14bn devo deal

A public consultation about the East Midlands devolution deal began on 14th November 2022 and ends on 9th January 2023.

Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council have all given the green light to a public consultation on devolution, so the public, businesses, community groups and other organisations will all have the chance to have their say about the deal.

The deal would provide the region with a guaranteed income stream of £38 million per year over a 30-year period, and would cover around 2.2 million people, making it one of the biggest in the country. It would also mean a new regional mayor and new type of combined authority for the area, from 2024.

Community banks at Christmas

The pressure to make the festive season perfect can bring with it money worries – with a recent survey showing 71% of people borrowed money in order to afford food, presents and celebrations.

Many people who are unable to use mainstream lending options turn to risky, high cost, short term borrowing such as payday loans and doorstep lenders to cover the costs of Christmas and these can carry very high interest rates.

Worryingly, some may also turn to illegal money lenders (loan sharks) who are unregulated and carry the risk of intimidation and harassment.

That's why DCC is sharing advice about lower cost, safer options such as Credit Unions and Community Banks, if residents need them.

Community banks offer savings accounts as well as lower cost loans for people who may struggle to access high street banking services?

If someone you know has taken out a loan and are receiving threats or intimidation then contact the Illegal Money Lending Team. They can offer help and support.

Call 0300 555 2222 or report a loan shark online

Reminder – Community leadership support doubled to tackle cost of living

The fund which enables county councillors to support their local community has been doubled to help tackle the rising cost of living. Each councillor receives funding through the Members' Community Leadership Scheme to give to local communities and organisations. The amount each receives to help their neighbourhoods has doubled from £3,860 to £7,720 for the year.

Groups seeking funding should contact me explaining the nature of their project, activity or event, the amount needed, what other funding may be available and how it will benefit the community.