- Hello, I'm Jason Smithers, leader of North Northamptonshire Council. Thank you for your interest in this exciting opportunity. Our ambition is for North Northamptonshire to be an exemplar council and to deliver excellent services that our residents trust and are proud of. As a council, we want to challenge conventional thinking and find new, innovative ways to doing things that make a real lasting difference to our lives of our residents. Our corporate plan sets out very clearly our ambition and the key commitments we have made to our residents. We are making good progress in delivering these, but we want to continue to increase our momentum, building on the solid foundations we have been laying down in terms of our priorities. The two roles that we are seeking, executive director of finance and executive director of Strategy and Change, present a real opportunity to drive forward the next step of our journey. You will not be alone. North Northamptonshire has been ambitious, embracing the power of partnership working. Our Big 50 Future Vision programme, for example, which is overseen by a cross sector steering group, is taking a broader approach to delivery of a bolder vision. Organisations from across the voluntary, business, health public sector are working together to focus on a common set of priorities, outcomes for the area, skills, education, jobs, housing, better health, transport, and the environment are vital to our future as is our ability to gauge and support our residents through the Big 50 Vision. We're absolutely committed to delivering the best life for everyone in North Northamptonshire and making it a proud, prosperous, and proactive place to live, work, and play. We would really like to hear and talk to you more about what you can bring to North Northamptonshire and the delivery of our vision. Thank you and good luck in your application.