

**COUNTY COUNCIL – 20TH MARCH 2018
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PEOPLE

Professor Stephen Hawking

The Council was saddened by the passing of Professor Stephen Hawking on 14 March. Professor Hawking achieved so much despite a decades-long battle with motor neurone disease, with which he was diagnosed while a student, and eventually led to him being confined to a wheelchair and to communicating via his instantly recognisable computerised voice. Whilst recognised by the world as one of the most important scientists to contribute to our understanding of the universe, he will equally be remembered for his determination in battling with his condition, which made him a champion for those with a disability around the world. The Council's thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

MESSAGES

Northamptonshire County Council

Councillors have received a briefing provided to Northamptonshire County Council Councillors by Sarah Homer, the interim LGSS Managing Director.