

Marie Curie Campaign

At the last meeting of NSDC a motion was put forward to adopt the Marie Curie campaign for Council Tax exemption for the terminally ill.

After a debate, the motion was put to the vote and was agreed unanimously.

Officers have been tasked with developing an appropriate policy for Council Tax Exemption for those with a terminal illness, or a partner or family member within the same household as part of a reduction scheme.

Members agreed that the priority was to commence the scheme as soon as possible with a view to expanding it in the future.

Subject to cabinet approval, on 20th January, the proposed scheme could be commenced on 1st April. Then subsequent conversations with other organisations can be held.

A letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, urging him to consider the implementation of a national policy to provide council tax exemption to all residents diagnosed with a terminal illness or those council tax paying residents who reside with a person so diagnosed.

Future First Careers Expo

NSDC held its 8th Careers Expo at Newark Showground on 13th November 2025.

Students from 10 schools across Newark and Sherwood and Lincolnshire attended on the day.

The number totalled 1289 from years 11 - 13.

53 exhibitors filled the Lady Eastwood Centre, representing a mix of local and national businesses, training providers and further educational institutions. From apprenticeships and vocational training to university pathways and emerging industries, students had the chance to ask questions, gather advice and discover opportunities they may not have previously considered.

These included Murphy Ltd, RWE, Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust, GXO and British Sugar..

Educational exhibitors included Newark College, NTU/Brackenhurst, Nottingham College, AcademyTransformation Trust and West Notts College.

243 Minster School students from year 11 attended, the highest number of students from any school.

Another very successful careers expo.

Bookings from both schools and exhibitors are already underway for November 2026.

