



## Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 8 June 2015

### **Town Centre Operations**

We have extended the credit card payment option into the Mayorhold MSCP our largest car park. Further work is being undertaken to improve the parking provision across the boroughs car parks.

We have refurbished another lift in the Grosvenor Centre Car Park next to Sainsbury improving the service for customers using the car park which is especially helpful on Saturdays with the free parking attracting more and more visitors.

### **Empty homes Programme**

All funding has been spent under the Empty Homes Programme 14/15 and All 30 units were completed by the end of March 2015

### **Business Incentive Scheme**

In 2014/15 we assisted 58 businesses, making grants of £501,050. This leveraged private sector funding of £1,991,521, and created 203 jobs.

### **Delapre Abbey**

The restoration works continue to programme  
The Activity Plan by DAPT is underway with first 'Progress talks and 'Open Weekends' completed. The Trust will be appointing an Operations Director shortly.

### **Abington Street**

The works are now complete, and the changes have been well received by businesses.

### **The Drapery Bus Shelter Extensions**

The works are complete and the shelters are in operation

### **Greyfriars Demolition**

The clearing operation continues, and to date:

- Crushing and removal of arisings 65% complete.
- Fencing work commences 1st June on Greyfriars lane.
- Highway repairs commence 1st June (including traffic light repairs after impact damage)
- Ground investigations are 80% complete
- Filling in basements 50% complete

### **Vulcan works**

The site will be fully vacated shortly and utilities disconnections and diversions have been ordered.. Various pre-contract surveys are being undertaken.

The planning permission and listed building consent for the development at Vulcan Works (34 Guildhall Road) were issued on 11th May 2015 following prior referral to the Secretary of State. The development includes the change of use to provide a community arts hub including 57 workshops, meeting spaces and associated amenities including alterations and

refurbishment of existing buildings, erection of three storey building and demolition of existing structures and associated external works.

### **Planning**

The appeal in relation to the proposed extension of opening hours for the Co-operative Store (Former Ashtree Service Station at 237 Main Road Duston) was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

The outline planning application for Kings Heath SUE (Dallington Grange) for the development of up to 3,000 dwellings was validated on 27th March 2015.

The reserved matters applications for the University of Northampton buildings at Waterside including the pedestrian bridge were approved by the Planning Committee in March 2015.

The planning application for the redevelopment of Travis Perkins headquarter buildings in Lodge Farm for up to 24,000m<sup>2</sup> floor space was received in April 2015.

The Public Hearing into the proposed Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedules for Northampton, Daventry & South Northants took place on 13 May

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