



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

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Four Waterside

Four Waterside comprises 225,000 sq. ft. of commercial space within the heart of Northampton town centre and forms a key part of the EZ. The scheme will provide flexible spaces and high quality design. Importantly, it would be the first commercial development in the town centre for 20 years and as such has been designated an EZ priority. The land has been cleared, is ready for development and is in the ownership of the Borough Council.

Negotiations are ongoing with Kier to develop up to 60,000 sqft of office development with the Council taking a lease on up to the first 30,000 sq ft. It is anticipated that a planning application for the development will be submitted in January 2016 and the building completed for occupation sometime during 2017.

Greyfriars

An expression of interest exercise has commenced with an advert for a development partner for the Greyfriars site being placed in the trade press in August 2015. There has been substantial interest in the Greyfriars site and we're expecting first phase expressions of interest to be submitted by 6 November 2015.

Delapre

Restoration works to Delapre Abbey continue and works are due to be completed in July 2015 with opening anticipated in August 2016.

Overall budget profile is within acceptable parameters and within the overall budget figures.

Additional capital and revenue monies have been requested of Cabinet and these will be considered at the 21st October 2015 Cabinet meeting.

We are all looking forward to the opening of Delapre Abbey next Summer.

St Giles Street

On Friday 23rd October we welcomed judges from the Great British High Street of the year awards, following our application based on the diversity of the business community on St Giles Street and our overall strategy (past, present and future) for the regeneration of the town centre.

St Giles Street has been shortlisted alongside two other locations from 230 applications from around the country.

Public Realm

St Giles Street public realm improvement works have been discussed with traders at a Breakfast event in October 2015. Follow up visits by the Project Manager have been

completed to each business. Further dialogue will be completed with the traders as the design continues to be developed.

It is anticipated that works will commence onsite in January/February 2016 – the period which represents minimal impact on trading conditions.

Enterprise Zone

To date, the following outputs have been achieved:-

- 1,251 jobs created or brought into the EZ
- 31 new enterprises in the EZ
- £153m private sector investment levered into the EZ
- 36,087 sq m new floor space created
- 4.3 ha of land developed.
- N/2015/0334 – the planning application for the proposed development of a new primary school at Malcolm Arnold Academy was approved by the Planning Committee on 29th Sept 2015.
- N/2015/1040 – reserved matters application for the development of 1198 beds of student accommodation, supporting ancillary facilities at the University of Northampton Nunn Mills site has been received and currently under consultation.

Car Parks

The council commenced the refurbishment works to Lifts L7 & L8 (next to Primark) in the Grosvenor Centre Car Park and these will be completed before Christmas.

The planned replacement of the pay on foot parking machines in the St Johns & St Michaels MSCP will commence in October and will be finished in time for Christmas. The new machines will provide customers with credit card facilities in all the council's multi-storey car parks.

The council continues to invest in its parking services by replacing pay & display machines its surface car parks. A number of machines will be replaced to improve the facilities on offer to customers.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan Examiner's Report has been received, and it was successful subject to minor modifications. The next stage is to progress to referendum in 2016.

Community Infrastructure Levy – Northampton Charging Schedule

On 21 September 2015 the Council resolved to approve the CIL Charging Schedule and in accordance with Regulation 25 of the CIL Regulations (as amended) it will take effect from 1 April 2016.

Northampton Local Development Scheme

The new Local Development Scheme for Northampton Borough was approved and brought it into immediate effect on the 9th September 2015. The Council will be preparing two new development plan documents: Northampton Local Plan Part 2 and

the Northampton Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Show People Allocations Local Plan.

Duston Neighbourhood Plan - Referendum

Following scrutiny by an Independent Examiner, who agreed that the Plan was satisfactory, a referendum on the Duston Neighbourhood Plan will take place on Thursday, 5th November. If approved by the residents of Duston Parish in the referendum, this will be Northampton's first Neighbourhood Plan.

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