



Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council

Northampton Borough Council

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Northampton Town Centre

This Council is committed to the continued improvement of the town centre.

Significant success has been achieved in the development of the Cultural Quarter, in improving the public realm of the town centre, in supporting traders and businesses, incentivising business growth, supporting, promoting and carrying out development, combatting issues of anti-social behaviour and community safety concerns, promoting town centre events, marketing town centre attractions, providing free car parking and many other activities.

There is more to do, and our ambition for the town centre is for an ever more vibrant location for the public, with a diverse business base and offer to residents and visitors. The many forthcoming developments will build on work to date and the Council will continue to take a positive approach to exploiting these and working with all town centre interests.

As Deputy Leader I will work with my Cabinet colleagues, who do excellent work on these matters, to help co-ordinate these activities and enhance our overall focus on this vital priority for the Borough. I will also engage with all those public and private groups and agencies with a role to play, to support their work, and ensure that Northampton town centre is a high priority at the forefront of their agendas and work-plans.

Major Sports Clubs

Northampton is a unique town in many ways. One very distinctive fact is that Northampton has professional league Rugby, Football and County Cricket. These elite sports clubs have a major impact on the economy of the town, not least through attracting visitors to Northampton, and their success brings a strong sense of pride in our town, enhancing its reputation. They also act as a strong focus to the development of community sport and the engagement of young people in sport as participants and spectators.

This administration believes that it is important to work closely with the major sports clubs to ensure that the town is maximising the benefit of these important partners and their national and international profile, just as we work closely with major business interests.

Over the coming weeks I will be meeting with the major sports clubs to discuss matters of common interest and to promote our joint working with them, seeking to support their own success, and their positive contribution to the life of town.

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Deputy Leader of the Council