



Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 19th June 2016

As Deputy Leader of the Council, I have been continuing to support the Leader and Cabinet colleagues across a variety of areas within the council, and can report on some of my specific responsibilities as below.

Market

The next meeting of the Market Advisory Group is scheduled to take place on 27th June.

National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA) have undertaken a health check of our market. The report has been received on the day of writing this report so it has not yet been considered. I will consider the report and its recommendations with the Market Manager.

Options to reconfigure the Market Stalls will hopefully be discussed with Traders at the forthcoming MAG. I would like to reiterate that there will then be full consultation with all Traders before any decision is made on which option to take forward for implementation.

When the new configuration is implemented, new covers will be installed throughout the market, something that has been budgeted for in the current financial year.

Councillor Training

The following is the ongoing programme of events at the time of writing:

- **29/06/17 - Safeguarding Refresher** open to all Councillors. Two identical 2 hour sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Head of Housing & Wellbeing.
- **17/07/17 - Performance Management** open to all Councillors. Two identical 1 hour sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Corporate Programme Delivery Manager.
- **12/02/18 – Data Protection Training** open to all Councillors. Two identical sessions, one at 2.00 pm and one at 6.00 pm in the Jeffery Room. To be delivered by the Senior Information Governance Officer.

Further details regarding these sessions can be obtained from Tracy Tiff.

Members are asked to register to attend these events with Tracy Tiff as soon as possible.

The Councillor Development Group will next meet on 28th June. Further topics for training will be discussed and pursued including:

- Audit training, when appropriate
- Further Personal Safety for Councillors
- Universal Credit
- Dementia Friendly Town
- Social Lettings Agency
- Section 106 Agreements and what they deliver

The Group will also consider suggestions put forward by members as well as those proposed by the Standards Committee.

Scrutiny

Cabinet will be receiving Scrutiny Reports on 21st June. These will be given full consideration and responded to as soon as practically possible.

The Working Group that Cabinet recommended be established in response to the Match Day Parking report is in the process of being established.

Overview and Scrutiny agreed their Work Programme on 8th May. I and my colleagues look forward to participating in and contributing to the reviews they will be undertaking during the current year – Cemeteries, Culture & Tourism, and Dementia Friendly Town – and to receiving their reports in due course.

Street Lighting

A further meeting of the Officer / Member Working Group took place on 15th May. Minutes of the meeting will soon be available.

The priority remains to establish a complete and accurate asset register of NBC / NPH owned street lights. We are approaching Balfour Beatty to assist in this, as well as investing some of our own resource in the exercise.

All Members, Parish Councils, Residents Associations and the BID's are in the process of being contacted to ask if they know of, or have any problems with street lights that are or may be NBC owned in their respective areas.

We are also looking to replace the missing ornate lights on South Bridge.

Officers are also pursuing NCC / Balfour Beatty to complete the installation, to our specification, of the heritage light columns installed around All Saints, St Giles Square, and in Fish Street.

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