



## Report of the Leader of the Council

### Northampton Borough Council

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

This report is written less than two weeks after our previous full council meeting, but since that last meeting, I have worked with Cabinet Members, Directors, and Officers across every area of the council. Specific items include those below.

#### **Unitary Status**

All of the Leaders and Chief Executives of the Boroughs and Districts in the county met with Deloitte to hear of the progress of their work on 22<sup>nd</sup> June. As I have previously highlighted, the current climate requires all councils involved in a unitary proposal to agree on the proposal, and currently there is no single proposal on which all do agree, but as Deloitte now commence a fuller analysis of the financial implications of unitary options, we have asked them to advise us as soon as they feel they are at a suitable stage to deliver a briefing event to all NBC councillors.

The overall timescale for the completion of the work is likely to be within the next couple of months, although it would be likely that the Councillor Briefing takes place within a month.

#### **Governance**

Following the report going to the Audit Committee regarding an independent Chair, this issue is being further progressed.

#### **Town Centre Traffic**

The Traffic Orders relating to the Drapery and Sheep Street traffic improvements are out to consultation.

#### **Economic Development & Other Activity**

We have met with potential investors to the town, discussing with them not only commercial investment, but also investment in such areas as housing and infrastructure projects.

I also felt that it was important to meet with the new Investors in Northampton Town Football Club, and so arranged to welcome them to the Guildhall for a discussion on the day their investment was announced.

Amongst the other things I have been involved in, I am sure that all those who were able to attend would agree that Armed Forces Day was a splendid event, giving us all an opportunity to show our respect and thanks towards the Armed Forces. I was particularly delighted to attend a ceremony following the parade in which two local Servicemen were recognised with award medals.

Councillor Jonathan Nunn  
**Leader of the Council**