



## **Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning**

**Northampton Borough Council**

**Monday 6 November 2017**

### **Town Centre Operations**

For the period April to September 2017 in our multi-storey car parks the Saturday free parking figures show 219,565 customers, and for the two hour free parking offer for the same period there were 517,723 customers, with the Mayorhold and Grosvenor being the most popular car parks.

Overall parking figures for the period 1 April – 30 September 2017 show 1,361.172 visitors using the council's multi-storey and surface car parks.

The footfall figures for September show 1,076,820 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square which is a fall of 4.8% in comparison with the same month in 2016. Single month figures depend on a number of factors, weekends, holidays etc. Overall footfall figures for April – September 2017 exceed 10 million.

### **Planning**

#### **Northampton Local Plan Part 2 - sites consultation**

The consultation started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and finishes on 13<sup>th</sup> November. This is a vital step in shaping our town's future, and I urge all members encourage as many people as possible to respond.

#### **Development Control**

The S106 agreement was completed and planning permission issued on 20<sup>th</sup> September for application N/2016/1138 for the development of 60 residential units and two restaurant/cafes at St Giles Clinic, 67 St Giles Street.

Planning applications N/2017/1144 and N/2017/1145 for the change of use and alterations to provide student accommodation at Belgrave House, Greyfriars has recently been received.

Planning application N/20171091 for the conversion and extension of former council offices building to student accommodation, restaurant and hot food takeaway at 14 Fish street has been received in September.

A planning application has now been submitted for a new extension which will help breathe life into the expanded Northampton Museum and Art Gallery

## **Enterprise**

### **Business Incentive Scheme**

- 16 Businesses Supported to date 2017-18 financial year
- Creating 52 jobs
- Leveraged over £880k private sector investment

### **App for Northampton Castle**

The new app provides a fun way to learn about the Castles rich history, and to take part in virtual events that would have taken place in the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. This is a major step forward in promoting our Town

### **Delapre Abbey**

- Roofing and external repairs to the Lodge are progressing well, and are due to complete before Christmas.  
The construction of the new North Car Park is progressing to programme.

Remedial works internally to the abbey, including defective electrics, are underway as per programme

### **Queen Eleanor Cross**

Repairs to this nationally important are now under way.

### **St Crispins Community Centre**

The Formal opening event is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### **Mounts Baths**

- Agreements are complete and should be signed within the next 2 weeks- Sports England and NBC
- NBC and Northants Leisure Trust agreements have been prepared
- NBC and Geakins Wear agreements have been prepared

### **Abington Museum Improvements**

- All works complete to programme and budget (Completed September)
- Museum is fully open

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