



## Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

12 March 2018

### Town Centre Operations

For the period April 2017 to January 2018 in the council's multi-storey car parks the Saturday free parking figures show 365,151 customers taking advantage of the offer and for the two hour free parking offer the figures show 866,608 customers taking advantage with the Mayorhold and Grosvenor being the most popular car parks.

Overall parking figures for the period April 2017 – January 2018 show 2,245,587 visitors using the council's multi-storey and surface car parks.

The footfall figures for January show 1,097,297 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square which was a 6.9% increase in comparison with the same month in 2016. Overall town centre footfall in the period April 2017 – January 2018 was 15,954,362.

### Enterprise

Business Incentive Scheme 2017-18

We have supported 23 Businesses to date this year

The £187,567 Invested has secured over £875,000 of private sector investment and created 93 jobs

Vulcan Works

- Outline ESIF application approved. Deadline for full application 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018
- Design Team appointed and reviews are underway
- Demolition of Amalgamated Tyres in progress- Road Closure to commence 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018

St James Mill Road

- Ground Investigation surveys completed and awaiting results
- Detailed design ahead of planning nearly completed (awaiting GI results to finalise designs)
- Consultation with surrounding businesses underway

### Planning

#### Local Plan Part 2

The Planning Policy team has assessed all the representations submitted to the Local Plan Part 2 Sites Consultation. A summary of the representations and officer responses will be reported to the meeting of Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> March

#### Conservation Area Reviews

Great Billing & Great Houghton Conservation Area reviews have been subject to public consultation (now closed) and a report regarding the responses and their adoption is due to be considered by Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> March following the cancellation of the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

N/2017/0127 – planning permission was granted in January 2018, followed the finalisation of a S106 agreement, for the demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 40 dwellings at the former Sofa King unit, Tivoli House, Towcester Road.

The number of planning and related applications received in 2017 reached 1711, which was a slight increase on the 1700 received in 2016.

Development Management has maintained 100% performance standard in terms of major, minor and other applications in December 2017.

### **Asset maintenance**

Repairs and upgrades include:-

Grosvenor MSCP:	Chloride testing of the concrete to the entrance and exit ramps complete. Extensive LED replacement of lighting ordered.
North Gate Bus Stn:	Replacement roof inflation air handling unit ordered. Repairs to roof air feed pipework. Flooring repair.
Lings Leisure Centre:	Replacement external fire escape doors.
Danes Camp Leisure:	New automation to exit doors.
Delapre Abbey:	External window and roof light repairs and redecoration to the stable block and cottage.
Guildhall:	Mini refurbishment of the basement facilities staff room. Replacement flooring to one stop shop. New automated doors for one stop shop ordered.
Billing Road Allotments:	Water regs upgrades to water tanks.
Kingsthorpe Rec Grnd:	Replacement water main. Extensive repairs to street lights.

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