



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 9th July 2018

Town Centre Operations

The two-hour free parking figures for May are 79,780 which is 10,000 less than the 2017 figures.

The total parking numbers across all council car parks for May was 201,925,

The footfall figures for May 2018 show 1,399,426 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and the Market Square.

Regeneration

The June Enterprise Zone Board meeting looked at 'Phase 2' of the EZ, and agreed new Terms of Reference, a revised Risk Register and an updated Marketing Strategy. We continue to receive a number of enquiries which we are currently working through.

Good progress is being made on our SEMLEP funded projects.

St James' Mill Link Road

We are currently engaging with business residents now that a plan is available, and working through the costings

Vulcan works

We are anticipating a decision from Government on the European Funding application by mid-July. The first gateway has been approved. We are anticipating a March 19 start on site. The Contract Notice has also been published with a deadline of 12 July. Final design work is underway, and works are in progress to discharge pre-commencement planning conditions.

Business Incentive Scheme

3 businesses supported under the, creating 4 new jobs and unlocking £60k private sector investment

Four Waterside

Enquiries are increasing and a number of alternative scenarios for the site are under consideration

Asset Management

A number of maintenance and improvement projects are in hand across the Council's extensive asset portfolio

- External decoration works tendered to 8 community centres.
- Completion of the refurbishment of two lifts to Mayorhold MSCP.
- Recovering of lift 3&4 motor room roof, Mayorhold MSCP.
- Completion of the first phase of concrete deck repairs, Mayorhold MSCP.
- Flood related repairs to Pleydell Road depot doors.

- Installation of LED lamps and sub-meter to Camp Hill community centre car park.
- Defibrillator installed to Bellinge Community House. Equipment provided via the centre.
- Extensive pump repairs to the Guildhall plant room.
- Duston Mill flood reservoir. Large scale landscaping maintenance to clear spillways.
- New fire alarm installed to Jackson MOT centre, Westbridge.
- Central Museum. One-off plant servicing in conjunction with refurbishment scheme.

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Planning

Major Planning Applications

Since our last Full Council meeting the Council have received and granted several key planning applications which include:

- Planning application N/2018/0741 for the extension and conversion of upper floors at 55-57 Abington Street to provide 64 serviced apartments (Use Class C1) was received on 5th June 2018.
- Reserved matters application N/2018/0688 for the development of 147 dwellings at the University of Northampton Park Campus Boughton Green Road site was received on 9th May 2018.
- Planning application N/2018/0700 for the conversion and extension of Overslade House, Overslade Close to form 40 apartments was received 21st May 2018.
- Planning application N/2018/0774 for the development of 118 dwellings on land west of St Crispin Drive was received on 23rd May 2018.
- Planning application N/2018/0782 for the creation of wetland habitat areas, reed beds and new islands and associated works at Kingfisher Lake, Cygnet Lake and Dragonfly Lake off Crestwood Road and Billing Brook Road was received on 23rd May 2018.
- Planning application N/2018/0364 for the repairs and landscaping of open space at Castle Mound including the provision of footpath, fencing and heritage boards was approved by the Planning Committee on 7th June 2018.
- Planning application N/2018/0658 for the erection of a multi-use games area at Upper Bath Street was approved by the Planning Committee on 7th June 2018.

I am also delighted to report that Development Management has once again maintained 100% performance standard in terms of major, minor and other applications in both March and May 2018.

Local Plan Part 2

Work continues on the evidence base to support the production of the Local Plan Part 2. Stakeholder meetings have been held in connection with a number of pieces of evidence that will inform policies in the Plan.

Heritage

Pleased to confirm consultation on Article 4 Directions for Great Billing and Great Houghton Conservation Areas has commenced. If the Council proceeds with the Article

4 Directions, extra planning restrictions will be introduced on alterations affecting the external appearance of houses in those areas.

We are looking to establish a panel in order to update the Local Heritage List for Northampton. Letters of invitation have been sent out.

Building Control

Along with 45 other teams on the LABC QMS Pilot phase, Northampton Borough Council Building Control have been awarded UKAS Accredited ISO 9001 Certification.

Councillor James Hill

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