



Cabinet Member Report for Planning, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

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Town centre Operations

The two hour free parking offer in the council's multi-storey car park during the week (Monday – Friday) shows 788038 visitors taking advantage of the free parking offer between April – January. During the same period in our multi-storey car parks Saturday's parking visitor numbers were 259,945, and on Sunday's parking visitor numbers were 123,130.. The total for the same period across all our Car Parks was 2,190,465

Regeneration

Future High Street Fund

This fund was announced by the Government recently, to assist in making High Streets and Town Centres fit for the challenges of the future. A project board has been established to oversee the development of an Expression of Interest (EoI) into the fund. The Board is made up of representatives from NBC, NCC, Northampton BID, UoN, SEMLEP, Royal and Derngate, Trickers, the Police and the Grosvenor Centre.

The Expressions of Interest have to be submitted to MHCLG by the 22nd March. Towns may bid for up to £25 million. The successful schemes will be notified later in the year, and will then receive funds to work up their schemes in detail.

This is a very exciting opportunity for Northampton, and Officers and the Board are working hard to meet the challenging deadline.

Vulcan Works

Stepnell have been appointed as main contractor and are due to start on site in March. This is the largest Town Centre regeneration scheme for many years, and will provide a springboard for new and expanding businesses in the Creative industries.

Upton Country Park

Detailed design work is now complete and the tender for the works will be issued in March.

Delapre Abbey

Final elements of snagging are being undertaken and are due to be completed by the end of the financial year.

The Leases of the Abbey and stables to DAPT are due to be completed shortly, and this milestone will enable the final HLF contributions to the scheme to be released.

Street Lighting

Capital Scheme for 2019 Onwards

Consultant have been appointed to assist with design, co-ordination, specifications, as-built drawings and energy savings for new street lighting on NBC land. Funds have been included in the new Council budget.

Rectory Farm Community Centre

The preferred design and early cost advice are complete, and the Planning Application process is well in hand. The new Council budget includes £250,000 for this scheme.

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