



Cabinet Member Report for Regeneration and Enterprise

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 10th September 2018

Town Centre Operations

The parking figures for April – June show 234,315 visitors taking advantage of the free two-hour parking in our multi-storey car parks; on Saturday's we had 81,402 visitors in our multi-storey car parks 81,402 and on Sunday's we had 35,538 visitors into our car parks.

The footfall figures for April – June 2018 period show 3,531,640 visitors, workers and shoppers in Abington Street and Market Square, the figures are 6.8% below the 2017 figures in the same period.

Staffing

An offer for the Principal Building Control Surveyor's post was accepted and we are anticipating the successful candidate to be in post by the end of October.

Business Incentive Scheme

6 Businesses have been supported this financial year to date, leveraging over £120,000 private sector investment and creating 14 jobs. 2 further applications are under consideration.

Vulcan Works

The OJEU Tender was published on 10th August, and 7 Companies were invited to tender through notice process. The deadline for return of tenders is 4th October, and a Cabinet report will be taken in December.

Flooding

Consultants have been procured to carry out initial flood investigations to various sites, and officers have met NCC and the Environment Agency to co-ordinate our approach to flood works.

Initial clearance works have been ordered to certain watercourses in NBC ownership.

Capital Projects

Replacement of main pool pumps to Mounts Baths.

Treatment and strengthening works to furniture beetle affected roof members to Abington Museum.

Delapre Abbey: Ongoing remedial works to lifts to bring up to standard.

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Councillor Tim Hadland
Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Enterprise



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Planning

Planning application N/2017/1479 for the refurbishment and extension to provide 48 no. apartments at 71-77b Abington Street was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 3rd July 2018, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations including CCTV provision.

Planning application N/2018/0187 for the development of a primary and secondary school including provision of school playing fields at Wootton Hall Park was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on 3rd July 2018, subject to the finalisation of a S106 agreement to secure planning obligations including highway improvement.

Planning application N/2018/0700 for the conversion and extension to form 40 no. apartments at Overslade House, Overslade Close was approved by the Planning Committee on 31st July 2018.

Planning application N/2018/0782 for the creation of wetland habitat areas, reed beds and banked margins and new islands in and around three balancing/amenity lakes at Brook View, Billing Brook Road was approved by the Planning Committee on 31st July 2018.

Planning application N/2018/0795 for the erection of part first and second floor extensions to create 13 no. apartments at 98-100 Abington Street was approved under officer delegated powers on 9th August 2018.

Development Management has maintained 100% performance standard in terms of major, minor and other applications in July 2018.

The Council is continuing to work closely with the applicants for the Dallington SUE site, and with the County Council to expedite the delivery of the NWRR.

Local Plan Part 2

Work continues on the evidence base to support the production of the Local Plan Part 2. Draft reports have been received on a number of parts of the evidence base.

Heritage

Consultation on Article 4 Directions for Great Billing and Great Houghton Conservation Areas has been completed. We will be reviewing consultation responses and reporting results to Cabinet.

Councillor James Hill
Deputy Cabinet Member for Planning