



Cabinet Member Report for Planning, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

18th April, 2016

PLANNING

Planning permission was granted for the proposed retail and residential development on the former Chronicle and Echo site following completion of a S106 agreement in March 2016.

Planning permission was granted for proposed 44 apartments at the former Victoria Business Park, St James Park Road following completion of a S106 agreement in March 2016.

Planning permission was granted for the New Community Centre at St Crispin Drive in March 2016.

Planning permission was granted for the proposed car park extension at Delapre Abbey in March 2016.

Local Plan Cabinet Advisory Group

The Group has considered the documents and arrangements for the first public consultation on issues in relation to the Local Plan Part 2. Cabinet will consider these at its meeting on 13 April 2016 and the consultation will start on 27 April for six weeks.

Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan

The Referendum on the Spring Boroughs Neighbourhood Plan took place on Thursday 10th March. Residents were asked "Do you want Northampton Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Spring Boroughs to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?". 93.7% of those voting supported the use of the Neighbourhood Plan to decide planning applications. The turnout was 19.5%. The making of the Neighbourhood Plan is to be considered at this Council meeting.

ENTERPRISE

Business Incentive Scheme

The year-end outputs were:-

No of business supported 30

Grant monies committed £212k

Jobs created 113

Private Sector Investment leveraged £1.99m a ratio of £9 for every £1 invested by the Council

Retail Mentoring Service:

The feedback has been excellent, and the programme has been extended to include both existing and new businesses. The mentors` contract has been renewed for further 12 months

No of businesses owners on mentoring programme: 43

No of mentoring workshops delivered: 8

REGENERATION**Delapre Abbey**

The scope of the works to present the rich heritage of the scheme has been increased, resulting in a revised completion date of October 2016.

This work is additional to the original programme which is progressing as planned

St James Mill Road

Network Rail/NBC & NCC are jointly moving the project forward.

NCC has been commissioned to generate design and move through to delivery.

The planning application expected before Christmas, with works expected on-site early in the New Year.

St Giles Street

Phase 1 works are on programme

Continuous business liaison is ongoing via the business liaison group, and regular individual contact by officers.

Phase 2 is currently being planned to follow on from phase 1

Car Parks

The 20 new surface car park pay machines have been installed with 15 offering credit card payment options in Chalk Lane, Commercial Street, Doddridge, Ridings, St Peters and Upper Mounts car parks. Commuters, visitors and shoppers have already taken advantage of the credit card payment option.

The lift refurbishment works in the Grosvenor car park are complete offering visitors and shoppers a smooth ride and improving customer satisfaction.

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