



Cabinet Member Report for Planning, Enterprise & Planning

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 6th June, 2016

An extensive refurbishment of four lifts within the Grosvenor Centre has been undertaken. These are located at the Abington Street entrance.

Tenders have been received for the letting of 72 St. Giles Street, the former C'est La Vie Café. The various bids are actively being considered.

PLANNING

Northampton Local Plan (Part 2)

Consultation on the Northampton Local Plan (Part 2) is taking place between Wednesday 27 April and Friday 10 June 2016. This is the first formal stage of public consultation and seeks views on what the scope of the plan should be and what issues it should address. Consultation is also directly involving workshops and presentations to stakeholder groups.

Copies of consultation documents are available to view in public libraries and on the Council website.

Planning application for the part demolition and conversion of factory building into 45 apartments and 2 dwellings at the corner of Countess Road and Lyttleton Road approved by the Planning Committee on 12th of April.

Planning application for two industrial units at Brackmill Points, Bedford Road has been received and currently going through consultation.

Planning application for a new industrial unit and an extension to an existing industrial unit at Pineham totalling 13,000m² has been received.

Planning application for the development of 81 dwellings at the former St Marys Middle School was approved in principle by the Planning Committee on the 27th of April, subject to S106 agreement.

The planning and listed building consent applications for the extension of opening hours and alterations at Delapre Abbey were approved by the Planning Committee on the 27th of April.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

Sixfields – Topographical survey complete. Ground investigation work on site due to be completed shortly. The site will be marketed in the summer.

St Giles St – Phase 1 completed 2 weeks ahead of schedule. Next phase will start in late June.

St James Mill Rd – Initial designs received from NCC. Land massing ongoing.

Waterside Enterprise Zone Qtr 1 2016/17 outputs – 293 jobs created, Private sector investment £1.9m.

Vulcan Works – Cabinet approval May 11th to grant the University a lease for the Vulcan works building for use as their international leather centre, leather conservation centre and associated teaching facilities.

Business Incentive Scheme figures:

	2016-2017 to date	2015-2016	2014-2015	Cumulative Total
<i>no. of businesses supported</i>	12	34	50	96
<i>grant monies committed</i>	£86,891.20	£226,264.00	£450,199.82	£763,355.02
<i>Jobs created</i>	118	125	201	444
<i>Private Sector Investment leveraged</i>	£304,968.20	£2,061,178.00	£1,962,321.25	£4,328,467.45

Rail Station Car Park

Positive discussions continue with Network Rail and Department of Transport on the new Multi-Storey Car Park at the Railway Station which will have 1,550 spaces.

Delapre Abbey

The works at Delapre Abbey continue and are on target. An Open Week-End was recently held which attracted over 600 visitors.

Town Centre

The 2-hour free parking offer in the council's multi-storey car parks continues to attract visitors in to the town centre with April 2016 figures reaching 80,259, the fourth highest figures since the offer was first introduced in April 2014.

Overall parking figures for April show a significant increase on last year of over 20%, and whilst a single month's figures should be treated with caution, it is an encouraging start to the year. Footfall figures for the same month are also well up on last year.

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