

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 January 2017

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For the period 18 November 2016 to 19 January 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Firstly, Happy New Year to Members and Officers and I hope you all have a healthy and successful 2017.

Footfall in King's Lynn was up 6.1% against 2015 and December showed a 3.1% increase.

Whilst many of us were taking a break the CCTV control room continued to function 24/7. Over the holiday period they recorded 226 various incidents. Over Christmas and Boxing day alone they dealt with 7 public order incidents, 2 attempted suicide, 2 missing persons, 2 anti-social behaviour and 1 critical incident on the Walks. There were also 15 out of hours calls logged and a further 252 phone calls/radio communications.

The Crematorium at Mintlyn is used by a great many people and therefore parking can be an issue at certain times. Although the Funeral Directors are consulted It is very difficult to plan when there will be a large gathering with a lot of vehicles and of course no one should be turned away so we are looking at the feasibility of adding more spaces in the current car parks. It is challenging project due to the position of the trees and the water table but whatever can be done to add more spaces and accommodate safely all who want to be present at what is a very difficult time will be explored. The road is a County responsibility but we are lobbying, as are others, to try to make this a safer area.

A new addition to my Portfolio is Kings Court and with that the use of surplus accommodation. So far, we have successfully invited West Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Group, Community Action Norfolk and West Norfolk Health to take up office space. Further work is ongoing with another organisation however they require significant space which made it necessary to relocate the Print Room function to the Depot. This happened over two days in December with relocation of the Waste Contractors, the Public Services Team and additional new printing equipment. The Town Hall is being looked at for better use of meeting spaces and more Council meetings. I will update Members on progress made with all aspects of King's Court or the Town Hall as and when I have information available.

2	Forthcoming Activities and Developments.
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Regular meetings with Officers and Executive Directors Familiarisation of new areas of Portfolio

3	Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled
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Officer meetings Cabinet meetings and Portfolio updates Cabinet Sifting Panel meetings – attending or observing CPE at County Hall Alive Management Board TCP meetings Darren Taylor re BID and Steering group Overview with relevant officers for additions to Portfolio
