

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**COUNCILLOR DAVID POPE - CABINET MEMBER FOR ICT, LEISURE AND PUBLIC SPACE**

**For the period 3<sup>rd</sup> August to 24<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

The trim trail/assault course at Lynnsport has now been completed and will open on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. This will be a great addition to the facilities at Lynnsport that can be used free of charge on a casual basis by residents when not in use by the College. The move of the leisure and uniformed services students and courses to Lynnsport has been a great success and I am pleased that our good working arrangements are continuing.

In September market stalls returned to the Tuesday Market Place on the pedestrianised section. These were new traders for King's Lynn as the previous traders continue to operate in the town centre on a Tuesday. The aim is to develop all of the granite pedestrianised area for market stalls moving forward while retaining other stalls around the town.

The Beer, Barbers and Butchers event that took place on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September on Saturday Market Place was very successful. I am discussing this as the basis for a regular monthly event on Saturday Market Place.

After the completion of the major capital works for the King's Lynn Bus Station the operation of the station is going well. Work to the lower floor of the Vancouver Car Park, including decoration and lighting improvements, is planned for March to lift this area to fit with the Bus Station works.

In April to June town centre footfall figures were down by 3% as mentioned in my last report. The figures for July and August are quite staggering. There has been an increase of 6.8% and 18.6%. The UK average continues to fall, -2.2% for July and -2.3% for August. Our town centre events have definitely contributed to these figures.

I paid a visit to Mintlyn to see the new Cremators working and look around the new completed office and reception area.

## Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

04 Aug Meeting at Lynnsport – Neil Gromett  
05 Aug Walks Forum meeting  
10 Aug Mintlyn & Burnham Mkt car park – Martin Chisholm  
10 Aug SNAP meeting @ Downham Mkt  
11 Aug Heacham Parish Council – Parking – Martin Chisholm  
17 Aug Cabinet sifting  
18 Aug Radio Norfolk @ Kingsway (am)  
18 Aug Opening of the Kingsway pavilion (pm)  
24 Aug Special sifting – Audit report  
01 Sep East of Ouse IDB  
02 Sep Portfolio meeting – Chris Bamfield  
07 Sep CPE meeting @ County Hall, Norwich  
08 Sep Town Centre tour – Alistair Cox  
09 Sep Cabinet  
10 Sep Tour of Green Flag sites – Sarah Moore  
11 Sep Tree issues – Richard Fisher  
14 Sep Cabinet sifting  
16 Sep Stow Bardolph IDB  
18 Sep Henry Bellingham  
22 Sep LAC Board meeting  
24 Sep Full Council