

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**15 October 2020**

**COUNCILLOR GRAHAM MIDDLETON - CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

For the period 11 September to 6 October 2020

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

#### **Accelerated Towns Fund**

As by now I'm sure you are all aware we have been successful in securing £750k in accelerated Town deal funding from the government.

This funding will be split between a new school of nursing, a partnership project between us, COWA and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital. We are really proud to get this plan over the line its has been an inspiration for a few years in the local area. The project is aimed at getting students on board September 2021.

The remaining £150k will be added to around £490k already secured and is to be spent on public realm improvements. The first £150k has to be spend within the town deal area of King's Lynn however the 490 is a Borough wide pot. We are currently working up an action plan for this funding.

#### **Town Deal Board**

Work on the town deal continues, the board has been fantastic and excellently chaired by Graham Purkins. Following the recent consultations with shoppers and business, we have now launched a new survey to reach out to the younger generations. Vision Kings Lynn will be running this survey and is a great opportunity for 16-24 year old to get involved and have a say on the future of our town. COWA are also going to be running some sessions.

### **2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet  
Council  
Officer meetings  
Town Deal Board  
Bid Meetings