

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 January 2016

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

For the period 26 November 2015 – 19 January 2016

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

The partnership arrangements between the Leisure Trust and the Council's Local Authority Company continue to go well both operationally and financially. The Trust's overall subsidy from the Council is reducing and the Local Authority Company has managed to achieve savings from maintenance and utilities. A part of the utilisation savings are weather related but investment in energy saving measures is paying off and we are developing plants to continue to bring down energy use.

The Alive Corn Exchange pantomime this year was Robin Hood and attendances were 19659, 1360 down on Snow White from 2014 but up 1199 on Beauty and the Beast in 2013. There had previously been concerns that the pantomime at the Princess Theatre running this year would have a significant adverse impact on this year's pantomime but this was not the case. Income and spend per head were higher than previous years.

	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Aladdin</b>	<b>Beauty</b>	<b>Snow White</b>	<b>Robin Hood</b>
<b>Programmes</b>	£1,925.00	£2,119.00	£2,216.00	£1,148.50
<b>Merchandise</b>	£6,849.00	£6,590.00	£6,798.00	£6,701.66
<b>Ice Creams</b>	£10,336.87	£10,772.50	£13,697.43	£15,467.50
<b>Confectionary</b>	£6,853.56	£7,875.83	£9,019.66	£9,073.38
<b>Bar</b>	£3,670.29	£4,578.33	£4,787.70	£4,701.76
<b>Coffee</b>	£2,870.20	£2,528.83	£3,304.75	£3,218.82
<b>TOTAL £ NET</b>	£32,504.92	£34,464.49	£39,823.54	£40,311.62
<b>Audience Number</b>	18292	18460	21019	19659
<b>Spend Per Head</b>	£1.77	£1.86	£1.89	£2.05

I am pleased to be able to work with the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Culture Heritage and Health to progress the Heritage Lottery Fund scheme for the Esplanade Gardens and surrounding green spaces in Hunstanton. A progress report is to be presented to the Regeneration and Development Panel on 27<sup>th</sup> January and I look forward to hearing the Panel's comments.

#### Footfall in King's Lynn

- The last 3 months of the years saw the largest recorded footfall for that quarter (Oct to Dec) since records began in 2007 ( this is more remarkable as November was -6% down compared to the same month in 2014.
- Halloween Event on Sat 31st Oct saw a jump in footfall of +18.9%
- Christmas Lights Switch On was moved from a Thursday night to a Sunday day, despite the weather footfall on that Sunday was up 27.4%.
- December was up 5.2% which bucks national figures which are mostly negative (see attached story)  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1623689/christmas-shop-trips-down-as-online-grows>
- The year as a whole (despite the Bus station work ) Jan – Dec is up 2.29%

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

05 Jan	Meeting with Martin Chisolm and Sarah Moore
06 Jan	Portfolio meeting
06 Jan	Attended the E & C and R & D meetings
08 Jan	CPE briefing with Martin Chisolm
11 Jan	Cabinet sifting
12 Jan	Cabinet
12 Jan	LAC meeting
13 Jan	Hunstanton tour with Chris Durham
13 Jan	Cabinet briefing
14 Jan	Hunstanton Heritage Scheme - Laura Hampshire
15 Jan	CPE response with Martin Chisolm
15 Jan	Welney Causeway Flood Risk meeting at Downham Mkt
18 Jan	SNAP Review meeting
27 Jan	Portfolio meeting
27 Jan	Attended the R & D and E & C meetings
27 Jan	Attended the West Norfolk Sports Awards
28 Jan	Full Council