

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**23 February 2017**

### **COUNCILLOR MRS KATHY MELLISH - CABINET MEMBER FOR HUMAN RESOURCES, FACILITIES AND SHARED SERVICES**

For the period 20 January to 23 February 2017

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

Footfall in King's Lynn was slightly down from 2016 however the Bank Holiday on the Monday would have had a knock-on effect. We are still up over a 5-year period on all but one of those years and overall up 7 of the last 10 years which is a good result.

The feasibility of additional car parking at Mintlyn is looking much better than anticipated. There is hopefully the possibility of adding a further 20 spaces, which at the last count would clear the majority of cars from the roadside edge when we have a large gathering at the site. This would be a very positive step to ensure safety of visitors to the Crematorium, and when plans are finalised I will be able to confirm the actual numbers.

Following on from the announcement in the press we are continuing to work with the DWP to see if we can accommodate them into the Kings Court building. If all can be accomplished there would continue to be a Borough Council presence in the main lobby and the building will of course retain the Council branding however potentially they would take over some of the ground floor space and therefore it could look and feel quite different. Members main meetings would potentially be focussed more in the Town Hall, the traditional and historical place for Council business. Planning of this work is ongoing to ensure we could accomplish as smooth a transfer as possible in the most cost effective way. Design work for this is being funded by the One Public Estate initiative following a successful funding bid made during 2016. As I have said before Members will be kept up to speed with re-locations as and when possible and if successful this proposal has the potential to deliver financial benefits for both organisations in terms of cost reduction, cost sharing and revenue generation.

I attended the initial discussion group for Kings Lynn BID a few weeks ago. A new board is required as the steering group now have to stand down. Requests have been put out for a mix of businesses to join the board and hopefully then an overall set of ideas, initiatives and thoughts can be worked through by the members.

<b>2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.</b>
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Regular meetings with Officers and Executive Directors
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<b>3      Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled</b>
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Officer meetings Cabinet meetings and Portfolio updates Cabinet Sifting Panel meetings – attending or observing TCP meetings Darren Taylor Steering group initial meeting
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