

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

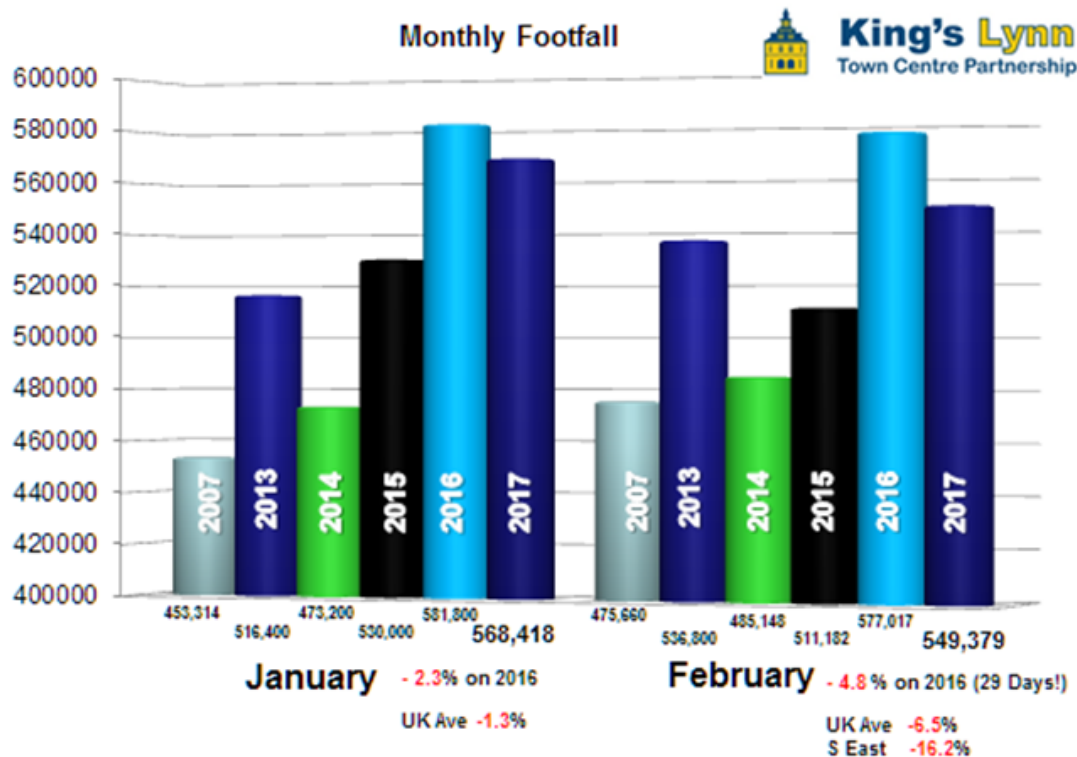
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For the period 24 February to 6 April 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Footfall in King's Lynn during February was slightly down from 2016 even with the extra day but still above the UK average as we continue the same trend from 2013 onwards. Although March figures are not yet due they are on course to be up on the national trend also.



Plans are heading towards the hoped for extra car parking spaces at the Crematorium without causing undue upheaval to the natural land and tree area.

As Members will notice there are a lot of dates coming out now for meetings at the Town Hall. We do not have a firm date for the changes at Kings Court but it is better we move on with the relocation for our meetings so that work can start there as soon as changes can be made.

Since the successful Kings Lynn BID there has been an initial meeting which I attended. However, this is part of the new structure of Cllr Daubney's Portfolio so he has now taken this over on behalf of the Council.

Last week I visited the Depot to see how the recent moves have worked. I am pleased to report that after a few teething issues, which would be expected with any change of venue, the print room equipment and the staff are settled and very happy in their new location. It is easier for deliveries, all being on the ground floor and visitors - as there is parking directly outside. Post and printing to and from the offices is arranged on a twice daily run between the Depot and Kings Court so no actual loss of service from either side. Nathan and his team are now on the floor above and are also quite happy with the changes. It is clear that although some find it difficult to change and are unhappy with the thought of change, both these teams have proved, it is quite possible to alter current working practises and to move to another office with no loss of service except for the practical down time of the move itself.

Although not my area I was able to view the new greenhouses on the site with the new bench systems in use. Spring is clearly here, or rather in there as it was windy and cold when I visited, and all the new plants were being potted up. It makes you realise what a huge undertaking it is to keep all the Borough open areas covered in plants over all four seasons.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Regular meetings with Officers and Executive Directors

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Officer meetings
Cabinet meetings and Portfolio updates
Cabinet Sifting
New structure BID meeting
Depot visit
Crematorium visit