

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period April to 6 June 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Vancouver Centre - I am pleased to report that redevelopment of the former Beals department store should begin on site in August 2017 and with a projected 47 week build, completion/handover to H&M in July/August 2018.

King's Lynn Heritage Action Zone - the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) is a national initiative whose aim is to achieve local economic growth by using the historic environment as a catalyst. Following a competitive bidding process, the Government and Historic England have granted Heritage Action Zone status to ten places in the UK, one of which is King's Lynn.

The King's Lynn HAZ will be delivered by a partnership that includes the Borough Council, Historic England, King's Lynn Business Improvement District, Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership, Norfolk County Council and West Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. The Borough Council is the lead partner.

Following the national launch in April 2017, the King's Lynn HAZ Partnership Board has met on 25 May to discuss the draft five year Delivery plan, which will include the key initiatives and projects to be delivered by this programme. Once finalised, the Delivery Plan will be presented to Members for endorsement/approval.

St Margaret's Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) - 11 properties have had grants approved and are in different stages of work, as follows:

- Repairs to two critical projects on site
- Repairs to one critical project to start in June 2017
- Repairs to three priority properties completed
- Five priority projects in pipeline

Nar Valley Park - clearance works for phase 3 are currently under way. Lovell's have been appointed as the phase 3 contractor and are due to start on site at the end of July. Phase 3 is currently projected to deliver a land value of £1 million. Phase 4 remediation works on the former Morston Assets housing site are now being planned with works commencing later this financial year.

Marsh Lane – building is now well underway, piling for the first 20 units is complete and the contractors entrance off the new Lynnsport road is now operational. The show houses will be built by October 2017, with the first 10 units for sale being delivered by December 2017. The first 5 affordable units will be delivered to Freebridge by 31 March 2018.

Lynnsport 4 & 5 (off Greenpark Avenue) – house building is planned to start in September 2017. Norfolk County Council are planning to start work on the new school in February 2018 with completion/opening expected spring / summer of 2019.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) - members of the Regeneration & Development Panel have taken part in a workshop to explore the need and merits of a second Townscape Heritage scheme. The consensus was that the area identified as most in need is London Road – Railway Road. Following the workshop, officers will prepare an initial report outlining the key elements of a potential scheme, which if approved by Members, will be developed into a Stage 1 bid and submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund in September 2017.

King's Lynn Historic Riverfront Regeneration – the public, key stakeholders and statutory agencies consultation has finished and the professional team is in the process of preparing the final report / masterplan, which will include the preferred development option as well as recommendations for the delivery mechanisms and procurement routes. The report will be presented to Members for endorsement/approval in June / July 2017.