

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**COUNCILLOR – PAUL KUNES – CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

For the period 17<sup>th</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019

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

I was honoured to accompany the Mayor at Mintlyn Crematorium on Wednesday 6 November in presenting a cheque for £8,000 to representatives of the QE Hospital for the Central Delivery Suite (CDS) Bereavement Fund. With this latest donation Mintlyn Crematorium will have contributed £90,123 to local charities.

The money has been raised through a charitable scheme, operated by the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management (ICCM), of which Mintlyn is a member. Under the scheme, metal from medical implants is recycled after cremation, with the consent of the family of the deceased. Twice a year the institute asks its scheme members to nominate local charities, which help to support people to cope with the death of loved ones, to receive a donation.

#### **St James Multi-storey pay on foot upgrade update**

The first stage upgrade works to the barriers and pay on foot system at the multi-storey was completed towards the end of October, the main noticeable change in operations is the ability to make payment by credit/debit card at any of the four pay stations. We have been pleasantly surprised by the level of uptake which is currently running at 28% of all transactions.

The next stage of upgrade, which is planned to be complete by the end of November, will include the ability for users to “tap in” and “tap out” using their credit/debit card without the need to ever visit the pay station, in a similar way to the barriers on the London underground system where credit and debit cards are quickly replacing oyster payment cards.

#### **Cemetery Update**

Further to my comments last month, our investigations into ground water issues at the Gayton Road Cemetery continue, officers are currently engaged with the Environment Agency and specialist external contractors who having undertaken the necessary tiered assessments are now working to collect additional information which will enable a Ground Water Risk Assessment to be completed which will assist in formulating the immediate way forward. In parallel to these works, we are also considering the medium to long-term requirement for cemetery and burial space within the borough, especially King’s Lynn, and hope to report on that in due course.

**2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

I anticipate further discussions with other organizations concerning water levels in cemeteries, as this problem begins to affect other non Council run Cemeteries.

**3      Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet  
Council IT team  
Car parks  
Crematorium and Cemeteries  
Corporate Performance Panel  
QE Trust Board of Governors  
Conservancy Board.  
IDB  
ICT Development Group