

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

27 February 2020

COUNCILLOR GRAHAM MIDDLETON - CABINET MEMBER FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

For the period 23rd January 2020 to 18 February 2020

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Town Fund

The Town's fund was announced late last year. It offers the opportunity for King's Lynn to access up to £25m worth of funding to drive economic growth and prosperity. The fund is broader in scope than some of the other recent town based funding streams as it offers the potential to access support for skills, connectivity (including local transport and digital infrastructure) as well as land use based regeneration.

In line with the fund's requirements, arrangements were made at pace to hold an inaugural Town Board meeting before the end of January. A requirement of the fund was to establish a Board that represented a range of stakeholders from businesses, the public and voluntary sectors. The meeting was well attended with the local MP dialing in to give his commitment to this important opportunity. Over the next few days there will be some communications about how the wider community can be engaged and have their say through a government initiated townportal.

2 Meetings attended

Cabinet meetings
Various officer meetings
Town fund board
Hunstanton CCT
Audit Committee
Governance Task group
Regeneration and Development Panel
BID kings lynn
Events 2020 meeting
CITB Meeting
Mart opening ceremony and luncheon
Hunstanton heritage centre opening
Visit to Fountain Fresh
Visit to Burn Valley Winery

Meetings with James Wild MP future high streets and town fund amongst others