



Councillor Mark Crane

Leader of the Council

Report to Council on Tuesday 17th July 2018

This report covers the period from the Council meeting on 24 April 2018. During this period I have attended Executive and Executive Briefings. Reporting on key items:

Olympia Park, Selby

Following the Housing and Regeneration Team's successful £8.878 million bid for funding from the Homes and Communities Agency's (now Homes England) Housing Infrastructure Fund to support the delivery of the Olympia Park strategic mixed use development site, the Council is continuing to work closely with landowners to develop detailed proposals for the site. A revised planning application for the comprehensive development of the whole site is expected later this year.

Leisure

We recently received the 8th annual review of the leisure contract covering performance, asset management and health and safety during the previous financial year. Key highlights included the achievement of 1500 swimmers registering for the learn to swim programme, the success of the community based move it and lose it adult weight management project and the lifestyles membership continuing to exceeding target.

Attendance remains high and this continues to be a successful partnership for the Council.

Police Co-Location

I am pleased to report all the necessary legal agreements are now signed and the project is due to start on site in very near future.

LGA Annual Conference/District Council Network

At the time of writing this report I am preparing to attend the LGA Conference on the 3rd to 5th of July. I will update Council on any relevant matters on 17th July.

The District Council AGM will take place during the LGA conference and I will also feedback any relevant matters at Council.

Selby Railway Station

The District Council has been asked if we will help to pay towards step free access at Selby railway station with lift shafts either side. I understand that the costs of the scheme are likely to be very significant.

I hope that Council will be supportive of these facilities being provided as they would much improve Selby station for our residents and visitors and have indicated that the Council would consider contributing a reasonable amount towards the costs. I would expect this to be alongside contributions from other parties such as Network Rail who have primary responsibility for the facilities and national and regional transport bodies.

Lord Lieutenant Barry Dodd CBE

Colleagues will have been saddened to hear of the death of Barry Dodd CBE, Lord-Lieutenant for North Yorkshire who sadly died in a helicopter crash on 30 May 2018, Barry was a successful entrepreneur and he dedicated a lot of his time to public sector activities in North Yorkshire, I have offered condolences on behalf of the Council to Barry's wife Frances and their family at this sad time. There will be a Memorial Service to be held at York Minster on Friday 20 July.

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