



## **Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council**

### **Report to Council on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

This report covers the period from the Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019. During this period, I have attended Executive meetings and represented the Council at local and regional meetings.

Reporting on the key items: -

#### **Brexit**

The Local Resilience Forums have been asked to collect and collate intelligence from key partners and report back to Cabinet Office and MHCLG and to encourage local partners to report national messages

From September weekly updates will be sent to MHCLG from October daily updates. The Local Resilience Forum will be coordinating input from partner Local Authorities and other agencies. All Councils have been asked to nominate a contact Officer for Brexit Selby's nominated officer is Stuart Robinson who reports directly to the Chief Executive on this matter. There has also been additional funding allocated to Local Authorities to help prepare for Brexit, the allocation for most District Council including Selby is £17,000.

#### **Quarter One Performance 2019/20**

Executive considered the quarter one performance report earlier this month. Amongst a range of positive areas of performance, colleagues were pleased to note good performance on processing new claims for housing benefit – supported by improvements made to the Northgate computer system – and strong performance on collecting household waste. On the latter only 271 out of over 676,000 collections were missed in quarter one.

We continued to be disappointed with performance on the time taken to re-let empty council homes but do note that improvements are being made and re-let times are reducing. Executive was also concerned at the high levels of staff sickness and hopes that the work to update the sickness policy and the work on digital to support more flexible working will have a positive effect.

#### **Unauthorised encampments meeting with stakeholders**

A multi – agency meeting was convened at Selby District Council re Unauthorised Gypsy and Traveller encampments. The overall objective of the meeting was to identify how best to address and resolve problems created when unauthorised traveller sites are set up in Selby District.

#### **Appointment to LGA Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board 2019-20**

I have been appointed to the LGA Environment, Economy, Housing & Transport Board for 2019-20.

## **Local Government Brexit Delivery Board**

I attended a meeting of the Local Government Brexit Delivery Board in London on Tuesday 3 September.

## **Devolution**

We continue to participate in discussions with Yorkshire and are working with York and North Yorkshire to prepare an interim devolution deal.

**Mark Crane**  
**Leader of the Council**