

Statement by the Cabinet Member for Partnerships

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World of James Herriot

A Business Plan to improve the visitor experience to the attraction is been looked at, and a Press Release has gone out.

Research with our customers has revealed they would like us to introduce a Café but we have no preconceived ideas and open to all suggestions. Businesses are invited to pitch their ideas within the Thirsk Museum.

Christmas Parking

We have lifted parking charges from Christmas Eve to New Years Eve replicating last year's approach. We want to generate footfall pre Christmas by ensuring the turnover of parking spaces running up to Christmas is maximised. The average turnaround for each space is 13 vehicles a day each one of them containing shoppers buying in our market town stores"

CCTV

Options for the future of the Council's CCTV service are currently being examined, ranging from continuing to operate the system as it is at present, reducing it, either geographically in the levels of service across all locations or completely withdrawing the service. Discussions with partners are taking place and the need to switch to a digital system is being explored.

Toilets & Hambleton Forum

Transfers of all public toilets are being finalised. Discussions with users of the Hambleton Forum are progressing well, with a view to transfer in 2012.

Managed Workspace

Evolution Office space rentals have increased through day lettings and short term lets Commercial Workspace is still performing at 100% let

Building Control

Negotiations with other Authorities to join the Partnership have seen positive moves from Harrogate BC, who will join in 2012/13 - this will have a positive impact on reducing the budget shortfall.

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