

STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

17 September 2013

Despite August being Summer holidays with a lot of staff taking well-earned breaks, several key projects have started to take this Council forward, ie the LDF Review and the Economic Study.

During the past weeks/months I have been liaising with the Crime Commissioner to discuss the future of the Police HQ at Newby Wiske. If it is to be relocated we need to try to ensure that it will remain within Hambleton not only for the security of the staff who work there, but also important for the local economy. This is even more pertinent following the recent announcement of the closure of the Rural Payment Agency in Northallerton. I have asked Councillor Peter Wilkinson to work closely with our officers/the landlord and other interested parties to try to get this building reoccupied.

Constitution of Reform

Already one meeting has taken place, led by Councillor John Smith, to look at the Constitution of Reform when we reduce to 28 Members.

I have also asked the Chief Executive to look at the Management Structure.

During August and September decorating has been taking place to freshen up the appearance of the Civic Centre. This is much needed and, in my opinion, long overdue. Further work will be done in the next financial year.

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Leader of the Council