

Statement by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance

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Economic Development

- We have completed the Economic Study
- We have progressed well with development of the HDC Economic Strategy – draft due to come to October Cabinet, prior to which there will be a Members seminar on 30th September

Central Northallerton

- The Central Northallerton Masterplan has been adopted by the Planning Committee

Working with the Local Enterprise Partnership

- The Council has worked with other partners and has secured £6m Local Growth Deal for the North Northallerton Development Area

Working with Businesses

- We have hosted the Strategic Business Forum Annual Conference with 80 business delegates attending, and with significant positive feedback
- Hambleton 'A Place to Grow' film has been produced and brand development is underway
- Town Wifi development well progressed – Northallerton & Thirsk now online.
- 13 new businesses approved for Apprentice Support Grant
- We have planned and launched the inaugural Hambleton Business Awards – ceremony to occur during Q2
- We have operated 3 Lunch & Learn events which have taken place in Evolution Business Centre with 46 business delegates attending overall
- We have supported businesses to maximise the benefit of the Tour de France

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