

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Governance

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Civic Centre Car Park Improvement Scheme

The Civic Centre car park extension is ongoing at this time and will provide a much needed 42 extra car-parking spaces including 3 disabled bays and improvements to footpaths with associated lighting. The work is scheduled to be completed by Christmas, weather permitting.

Further assessments are to be undertaken to look at the provision of a dedicated coach parking area to make it safer for those visiting the Leisure Centre by coach when disembarking . It is also intended to look at providing electric charging points in this area.

LED Lighting

Lighting under the control of Hambleton District Council continues to move to LED bulbs and Bedale, Northallerton and Stokesley all weather pitches, together with Northallerton Swimming Pool, have been the most recently converted, with more work to be done in 2019.

Asset Management

Hambleton District Council continues to support the upkeep of buildings in the District and at present we are overseeing works on the Forum in Northallerton, The World of James Herriot Thirsk and Saint Mary's Church Thirsk.

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The Government has provided a fund of 7.5 million pounds to support Local Digitalisation and Hambleton District Council we're successful in having a bid for part of these funds approved and is now working closely with other Councils to improve our systems and providing a "better " experience for our customers.

Parking and Traffic Regulations outside London

Councillor Nigel Knapton has reported from a meeting of the "Parking and Traffic Regulations outside London" group which was held on 30 October 2018. It agreed to the proposal that allows the decriminalisation of "obstruction" so that any such issues can be dealt with by Civil Enforcement Officers rather than the Police. This decision will now be relayed to a Government consultation.

It was also agreed to reduce the PCN charge (which is the charge levied on Councils on every ticket issued) to 30 pence. This is now half the rate it was in 2009/10 and is due to the development of an effective appeals system

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