



**Hambleton District Council : Council Meeting : 17 December 2019**

## **Leaders Statement**

Since the elections in May and the publication of our new Council Plan in September, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on projects throughout the District that have been delivered over the last 12 months, or continue to be delivered.

### **Stokesley**

- The transfer of the cobbles is currently with our Legal team, with completion anticipated for early in the New Year;
- £700,000 is being invested in sports and leisure facilities, including the sports hall and 3G pitch. The flooring, redecoration and installation of new gym equipment should be completed by Christmas.

### **Easingwold**

- We continue to assist the Town Council with their car park review;
- £650,000 is being invested in the sports hall and 3G pitch prior to handing over the Galtres Centre for use by the community.

### **Thirsk and Sowerby**

- The purchase of the Lambert Hospital is complete with the transfer to Herriot Hospice expected in the New Year;
- £1.7m has been invested in the new Sports Village including the creation of football pitches, allotments and a running track;
- Members will be consulted in the New Year regarding a major refurbishment of the Leisure Centre;

- Land has been identified for a Crematorium site and Members have had an opportunity to visit the site and consider two design options. A further seminar will be arranged in late January prior to a planning application being submitted.

### **Northallerton**

- Treadmills Phase 1 is well under construction with the first retail units expected to open June 2020;
- £150,000 has been awarded for the Future High Streets Fund to work up “shovel ready” projects with options to tap into further funding totalling £1billion;
- World-wide visitors and TV coverage in September when the town hosted the start of the UCI Elite Men’s Time Trial.

### **Bedale**

- Consultations will be arranged with Ward Members during the early part of 2020 regarding the delivery of future new projects in the Bedale area;
- Hosting the finish of the Tour de Yorkshire in May which brought a significant focus for the town and Hambleton as a whole.

These are exciting as well as challenging times for this Authority; however, we will continue to provide excellent value and services to all our businesses and residents.

Finally, I’d like to thank all officers and Members for their continued support throughout 2019 and to wish everyone all the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

