

Hambleton District Council

Council Meeting : 23 February 2021

Leader's Statement

On 2 February Captain Sir Thomas Moore died. His positive determination has been a shining light of inspiration through this pandemic and our thoughts are with his family at this time.

It has been over a year since the COVID virus was first detected in the UK and it has presented significant challenges to both the Council and the communities we represent.

As a Council we have paid out over £38.3m of Business Grants out of a total allocation of £45m; the remainder is awaiting applications. We understand the financial impact this pandemic has had on many of our residents and this is why we are proposing a Council Tax Freeze for 2021/22. Yet another example of how we are in tune with our communities.

The Council was successful in attracting over £6m of Future High Street Funding to Northallerton, we are one of only 72 places receiving funding across the UK and again will demonstrate this Council's determination to support our local businesses and communities to recover from the pandemic.

Finally, I would like to put on record again my personal thanks to officers for maintaining Council services through what has been a year of unparalleled challenges.

Councillor Mark Robson
Leader of the Council