

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance

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Dalton Bridge progress

- The Local Enterprise Partnership has awarded the project £1.8m which it is anticipated will allow construction work to be done in two phases, possibly starting later this year.

Prison site progress

- Tenders have been received for demolition of the site, which will commence in the Autumn and take six months.
- In our search for a private sector partner we are down to the final four and are awaiting their outline submissions

Vibrant Market Towns

- The recruitment of two new staff is underway to lead the Vibrant Market Towns Strategy
- The existing staff are currently undertaking a round of talks with High Street businesses to get them ready for delivery action plans

Bedale Gateway Car Park

- Site surveys and the initial design have been completed
- Discussions are underway with NYCC Highways to agree an acceptable access point to the car park to finalise the design which will lead to the submission of a planning application

Hambleton Strategic Business Forum

- Fourth year of Hambleton Strategic Business Forum event held at The Hawkhill, Easingwold on 13th May 2016 with a theme of Business and Government working together
- Keynote speakers - MP Kevin Hollinrake; Richard Menage, Industrial Textiles and Plastics; Debbie Keeble (HECK); Anna Addison (Anna Addison Associates) and Lindsay Ross (HSBF Chairman).
- Attracted more than 100 people from 60 businesses in the district.
- Sponsored by Hambleton District Council, Federation of Small Businesses, York, North Yorkshire and East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership, North East Chamber of Commerce and Teesside University

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