

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Governance

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ICT

Certification of the Public Services Network (PSN) has now been obtained from the Cabinet Office for 2016/2017 and the Hambleton PSN connection is now operational.

IT infrastructure has been upgraded in Hambleton Leisure Centre to provide resilience, security and improved bandwidth from 100Mb/s to 20Gb/s.

New Chip and Pin devices have been installed in all Leisure Centres providing a contactless payment option to customers, a service most retailers now offer.

Cyber Security training has been provided for Staff and Members, internal cyber security exercises are proving this has been successful.

The tender exercise is complete for the Server Room project and the project is anticipated to finish on 31st August.

The Technical team are going to compete in a regional competition to show off their cyber security skills.

Preparation is underway to support the Green Waste Project with ICT solutions.

Design & Maintenance

New pitch fees have been introduced for the markets. These are based on a simpler linear measurement of the frontages of the stalls. The schedule of rates now recognises the loyalty of the traders and allows both direct debit and cash payments in advance. A wider promotion of the markets is being undertaken in both Hambleton and the surrounding districts.

The electric bollards for Northallerton Market and now scheduled to be installed in the late summer to avoid disruption at the peak visitor times. Reductions in noise from generators and air quality should be the main benefits as well as being more convenient to traders.

A car parking review is being undertaken to identify proposals for different methods to pay in the car park and options such as Season Tickets.

A programme of Health & Safety training is about to be undertaken to complement the works being done across the Council's premises to improve Health & Safety regarding asbestos and legionella. Design & Maintenance are also leading on a comprehensive project to respond to a recent fire risk assessment on the Civic Centre.

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