



## STATEMENT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

12 December 2017

### **A number of major projects have progressed over the last 12 months**

**North Northallerton** : this much-awaited development is now underway. The two access roundabouts are in place and Phase 1 of the house building is progressing well.

**Dalton Bridge** : this Authority took the lead with the delivery of this project which will ensure all-year-round access to Dalton Industrial Estate. Work is on schedule and on budget, with an anticipated completion date of 23 April 2018.

**Sowerby Gateway** : Planning Committee have approved plans for the third phase, so triggering the final phase of this development which will include the long-awaited delivery of the multi-junction and school. Although it's disappointing that this phase came with no affordable housing, I am working with other partners to search for funds to achieve this. However, whilst the original outline application didn't include provision, this final phase will include the building of 32 bungalows.

**Northallerton Former Prison site** : the joint company has been formed and is operating. We expect applications to be presented to us early next year; these will deliver the aspirations of this Authority in line with the Central Northallerton Masterplan.

**Northallerton Leisure Centre** : we continue to invest within the District, including a £2.6million project delivering a state of the art gym and the refurbishment of existing facilities at our flagship leisure centre.

**This Council continues to deliver over and above the daily expectations of our residents, and remains the third lowest Council Tax authority in the country.**

After 36 years and 9 months, Steve Prentice will retire from this Authority on 20 December 2017. I would like to thank him for his work and dedication over these many years, and I know you will all join me in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

***Thank you to all members and staff for their hard work and contribution throughout 2017 and wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year***

**Councillor Mark Robson**  
Leader of the Council

