

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Finance

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Dalton Bridge progress

- Following successful piling works and load tests the bridge abutments and beams have been installed. This provides a projected completion date of end of June 2018.
- This project has demonstrated the successful partnership between employment, skills and the local economy and the impact the Council has in supporting economic development. To date local businesses have been awarded sub-contracts for plant hire, fencing/ site clearance, formwork, steel reinforcement and concrete works, steel for piling and the bridge deck beams. The main contractor has taken on an apprentice, given career talks to schools in Thirsk about civil engineering and provided a site visit for pupils.

Prison site progress

- Central Northallerton Development Company Limited has announced the branding for the prison site development which will be known as “Treadmills” and builds on the historical background of the site. Good progress continues to be made with securing interest from food, cinema and retail operators with contracts being drawn up for the large phase 1 unit.
- The final stage of archaeology has commenced this week with the York Archaeological Trust. Following the successes of last year it will include a series of engagement activities including public open days.

Business support

- Following the unfortunate decision by 3M to close their Northallerton facility, Business and Economy worked with 3M to introduce their highly skilled staff to other local businesses, resulting in a number of staff gaining new employment.
- Local businesses have advised of their intention to grow over the next five years and have seen this sharing of local talent as a positive approach to helping them map out their expansions.

Funding

- The External Funding Officer has worked across a range of sectors including tourism, manufacturing and agriculture to secure a number of grants for local businesses and organisations.

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