

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Projects

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Maple Park Crematorium

Site Construction:-

The chapel ceiling which is constructed of oak and is a real feature of the chapel has now been completed and a two week window has been agreed with Treske for the installation of all the seating and fittings.

The Memorial Garden is progressing well with the above ground internment facility almost complete, a large percentage of the Maple trees have now been planted and will become established during the winter growing season.

The cremator is fully installed and the car park and entrance gates are nearing completion. A further site visit for members will be organised in January 2022, with completion and operational services by Hambleton District Council in February 2022.

Operational:-

The Crematorium Manager and Assistant Crematorium Manager are in place and have been engaging with Funeral Directors across the District, a site visit was organised to enable them to view the facilities that will be available to access and book as part of their professional services.

Interviews for the remaining 3 members of staff are scheduled for December which will include administrative and estate staff. Marketing for the cafe/wake facilities has been completed with a good level of interest from external parties wishing to operate this facility. A booking and management system (Plotbox) has been procured which will be the route for Funeral Directors to secure services at the crematorium.

A Limited Liability Partnership to provide governance of the asset is now incorporated following an incorporation meeting held on 30th November 2012.

North Northallerton Relief Road

Work to build and complete the £12m bridge and road link to ease traffic congestion in Northallerton is set to be complete by February 2022. The bridge beams and permanent formwork have been lifted into place in three operations that included a night time 'Possession' of the Teeside to Northallerton railway line. The scheme allows sufficient headroom for future electrification of the line, while work is ongoing on the construction of the reinforced concrete channel for a beck.

The three-span structure and link road will join the two new developments to the northern side of Northallerton, to accommodate all traffic and provide an east-west route particularly for HGVs that currently have to travel to the town centre or use Friarage Street to travel between the A167 and A684 east of Northallerton. Once the bridge is completed final works and checks on the full route of the link road will be undertaken before the complete route is opened to through traffic. The project has been undertaken and constructed by Eric Wright Civil Engineering.

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