

## **Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Transformation and Projects**

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The Maple Park Crematorium was completed on 22 February, bookings started to be received from 14 March and services are due to commence from 28 March.

The Crematorium represents a multi-million pound investment from the Council in a much needed community service. The community open day event on 24 February was well attended with more than 300 members of the community coming along for a tour of the facility and to meet the Crematorium team. Feedback on the day was overwhelmingly positive with people commenting on the quality of the build and the space provided with particular reference to the tranquil and peaceful setting in which the facility was built. Thousands of people also engaged with posts about Maple Park on our social media feeds.

Members cannot fail to have noticed that at Treadmills the construction of the Everyman Cinema and the restaurants beneath is now well underway. The construction is scheduled for completion in the first week in October 2022 with the fit-out due to be completed by Christmas 2022.

The construction and fit-out of the cinema and restaurants represents a £9.0m investment in the town and has been assisted by £4.7m of Future High Streets money from the Government.

The conversion and extension of the ground floor of Unit D (situated below C4Di) for a restaurant is currently out for tender with the work projected to commence in August 2022.

It is timely to remind Members that the Council has some schemes put on hold because of the pending LGR, for example, the Northallerton Skills Village. It is hoped that the new North Yorkshire Council will review these schemes in due course and be able to take them forward. There are also some new project ideas being developed for the future in the centre of the market towns in the Council's Market Town Investment Plans which will be reported to Cabinet shortly. Hopefully these will provide the new North Yorkshire Council with 'shovel-ready' project ideas when bidding for funding from funding streams such as the Levelling Up Fund, Towns Funds and UK Community Renewal Fund.

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