

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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STATEMENT OF THE OPEN TO BUSINESS PORTFOLIO HOLDER COUNTY COUNCILLOR ANDREW LEE (INCLUDING GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, WASTE MANAGEMENT, TRADING STANDARDS AND BUSINESS RELATIONS)

Waste Management

Over a number of years the Executive Member updates have included information on Allerton Waste Recovery Park and I am pleased to continue the tradition and to advise that the majority of construction is complete, all equipment is on site, connected and ready to be commissioned. Furthermore, deliveries of waste have begun this week ready for 'hot' commissioning to start once the Independent Tester has signed off the plant as ready to process waste. This represents a major milestone in the project.

The next six months will see a series of commissioning tests on separate parts of the process, culminating in full operation which is currently planned for January 31st next year. For this week and next, waste inputs will be limited to waste from Harrogate Borough Council and some HWRCs, to test weighbridge and tipping hall operations, then from July 31st we will increase the amount of waste being delivered so that AWRP will receive waste eventually from all Districts and HWRCs either delivered directly or via the waste transfer stations operated across the County by Yorwaste Ltd.

A number of other projects have been running in parallel and have also come to a conclusion. The first of these is the completion of Allerton Park Landfill Site, which closed last Friday after receiving over a million tonnes of North Yorkshire's waste since the late 1980's. We have worked closely with the operator, FCC limited, over the last year to deliver exactly the right amount of waste to ensure the site is full and can be restored quickly and efficiently.

The second is the construction of a waste transfer station at the Harewood Whin landfill site where waste from York city and Selby district will be bulked up for onward transport to Allerton Waste Recovery Park. This facility was delivered by Yorwaste and was ready for use at the end of last month. I am pleased to be attending the official opening of that facility tomorrow.

I can also report that on 23 June, Yorwaste completed the purchase of Todds Waste Management. This purchase increases the size of the company significantly, adding 1,200 customers and 8,000 tonnes of waste to Yorwaste's business. It also includes a waste transfer facility on Thirsk Industrial Park which will continue to be used to bulk waste from the central Hambleton area for delivery to Allerton Waste Recovery Park.

This is an exciting time to take on the remit for waste and I look forward to keeping you up to date with progress in the coming months.

Support for Growth

The Scarborough Local Plan was adopted by the Borough Council on 3 July 2017. This replaces the 1999 Local Plan, and will run until 2032. It establishes the overall planning framework for the Borough for the next fifteen years. It promotes growth of the local economy and seeks to deliver around 450 new homes each year, including a major new residential allocation for 2,500 dwellings on land south of Cayton. The County Council has supported development of the Plan and contributed to the examination, attending the hearing sessions

held by the independent Government Planning Inspector last summer. We are also working with the Borough Council and developers to help co-ordinate the delivery of infrastructure at Middle Deepdale and on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Regeneration Plan for Eastfield.

Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Committee recently approved outline plans for a 40-hectare green business park at Flaxby to the southwest of junction 47 of the A1M with the A59. This is a major scheme, which promises to bring high quality, accessible employment to the district. It will place further demands on J47. Highways England and NYCC have already secured LEP funding, which, together with the County's own contribution of £1.2m, will bring about £3.6m worth of improvements including widening of access and slip roads, and traffic signalisation. Highways officers are discussing with the developers the possibility of incorporating these planned improvements with further junction upgrades, as required by the planning permission.

Thorpe Willoughby Housing Development

The Council has created a new housing company to bring forward market housing on Council owned land and full planning permission for 17 new houses at Thorpe Willoughby in Selby District has been submitted. This first development is intended as a pilot project which if successful could see further houses being built in the future. This approach will help to deliver our Growth Plan aspirations to provide more new homes and makes economic use of the Council's underutilised land holdings.

ANDREW LEE