

the greater thetford development partnership

Highlights of the board meeting held on 27 November 2018

Healthcare in Greater Thetford

Members heard how the Sustainable Transformation Partnership is bringing together health partners across Norfolk and Waveney to investigate ways of working in partnership, to deliver better health outcomes for patients.

The Thetford Healthy Living Centre once again has an x-ray facility, and has capability to carry out minor surgery.

Public Health is looking at how the wider environmental issues (including housing, wage levels etc.) impact on individuals health and how improvements could be made.

Governance

CLlr Sam Chapman-Allen was re-appointed as Chairman of the GTDP Board for the ensuing year.

The Board agreed that the Chairman of the Board and a representative from each of the Parish Councils (Brettenham & Kilverstone, Croxton and Thetford Town Council) would be on the interview panel for the recruitment of Independent Members.

Report Updates

Discussions are underway between Thetford Town Council and Breckland Council with regards to the expansion of space for parking at Thetford Railway Station.

Members were pleased to hear the Ely Southern Bypass has now opened, and that further work was underway to develop a business case for improvements at the Ely Railway junction.

Work has commenced on the first phase of the Thetford Kingsfleet (SUE) housing development with the first 343 homes started on site. Officers are continuing to work with Homes England to finalise grant funding which will assist with a major utilities upgrade in north Thetford, required to support further phases of this housing development.

The Thetford Enterprise Park Access Roundabout is on schedule to be completed towards the end of 2018. This will contribute to securing first developments on this key employment site.

Work is continuing on the Thetford Transport Network Improvement Strategy which will include cycle and walking corridor identification and options; pinch-point assessment and Key junction testing.

Market Town Initiative

Members heard of the variety of key projects that were on-going throughout the town including the funding agreement for 'Events on the Green' for a further 12 months, and the launch of a 3-D virtual App across the District.