

There is a lot of good news to share with you. I'm happy to answer any questions or to supply additional information

The first year of the new administration has seen much delivered and many items that had been allowed to remain and not progressed, identified, pulled forward and a delivery plan put into place. It is a year that we can be justifiably proud of but for us it's a starting point. A launch pad to deliver more for our wider community and to improve their lives here in the Harborough District.

Here are some of the year one achievements and some of the identified future challenges that we are already working on.

- # No increase in council tax

- # No increase in green bin charges

- # No increase in car park charges.

- # £6million capital investment into our two leisure centres and a new leisure strategy delivered and signed off

- # Young Persons Champion in place and a budget of £100k for an officer to lead a range of projects

- # £1m Community Fund. Specially created to support projects across our district. Full details will be provided shortly. In addition we are employing two support Officer to assist those who put forward schemes.

- # Local Plan Process moving ahead with gusto . An important step towards protecting our district and keeping the decision of where development takes place in the hands of the district rather than potentially having a developer free for all.

- # A Market Harborough special expenses working party is being put in place to oversee the unparished parts of Market Harborough

- # A full review is to take place on the Open Spaces Policy. We will be talking with parishes.

- # The major challenges of introducing a weekly food waste collection scheme are on the horizon. We will be looking into that in detail. It will be a major piece of work.

- # In the first year we have overseen the appointment of a new District Council CEO. Restructuring of the Senior Management Team resulting in the taking out of approx. £200k of costs.

The appointment of a New Planning Compliance Officer along with a Community Engagement Officer to support community groups and parish councils on hot spot issues across the district.

A ward member scheme of £170k has been established with criteria soon to be announced?

The next year will continue to be challenging but the community can be assured that we will continue with vigour and determination to deliver for the whole of Harborough District