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Title	TOWN CENTRE DELIVERY PLAN – UPDATE		

Portfolio Holder : Councillor Mark Dearing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members on the progress of the Town Centre Delivery Plan and engagement with the community.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A report was presented to Executive in April outlining the process for developing and consulting upon a delivery plan for Kettering Town Centre. At that meeting, a commitment was made to report progress back to Executive on a regular basis.

3. PROGRESS UPDATE

3.1 The “start of the conversation” around the Town Centre Delivery Plan will be launched at a conference on **Wednesday 13th September 2017**.

3.2 The conference will bring together relevant partners, business owners and town centre stakeholders to encourage all to think specifically about:

- ◆ Marketing and Communication
- ◆ Events and community involvement
- ◆ Public realm and development opportunities
- ◆ Getting around and safety.

3.3 The conference will not only highlight what has already been achieved in the town but will also then encourage workshop groups to think about the priorities and opportunities for the future.

3.4 As stated earlier in this report, the conference event is intended to be “the start of the conversation”. Other events in the pipeline but not yet confirmed are: -

- ◆ Bringing the output from the conference to the geographical fora for discussion.
- ◆ Having the Town Centre as a theme for the first Youth Conference planned for later this Autumn
- ◆ A session on the Town Centre at the LSP conference 2017

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- ◆ Repeat of any of the workshops in small “bite sized” events through the autumn for those that cannot attend the conference event
- ◆ Raise on the agendas of various business networks and business groups around the borough.

4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The delivery plan will shape policy and priorities as they affect the town centre up until 2025.

5. **CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT**

- 5.1 This report outlines the consultation mechanisms.

6. **FINANCE and HR RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no specific HR implications for this activity. As stated in the report to Executive in April, time and resource will need to be dedicated to the engagement and consultation process and some provision made for supplies and services. This can be accommodated within the Council’s overall budget. Eventual projects will of course require identified and dedicated resources once agreed.

7. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications

8. **RECOMMENDATION**

Executive are asked to note the progress on the Town Centre Delivery Plan

Background Papers:

None

Previous Reports/Minutes:

Last work programme in 2014/15 year.