

## **COUNCIL – 14 MAY 2018**

### **STATEMENT BY COUNCILLOR M J COCKERILL CABINET MEMBER FOR MAJOR PROJECTS**

#### **HARBOURS**

The recent severe storms resulted in damage to infrastructure and some disruption to Scarborough harbour users. The outer harbour pontoons required significant repairs necessitating temporary relocation of berth holders. The West Pier required repairs to capping in the vicinity of the fuel berth, a sink hole to be excavated and filled, an external crack to be repaired and some surfacing re-tarmacked. The East Pier suffered some masonry blockwork movement which needed to be repaired from the seaward side. The repairs were funded from existing harbour budgets.

The Borough Council as part of the Yorkshire Bathing Water Partnership and Harbour Authority for the Ports of Scarborough, Whitby and Filey Coble Landing aims to take a proactive approach to ensuring our ports are environmentally friendly. From 1st April 2018, vessels are prohibited from emptying their toilets and other polluted waters (from sinks etc.) into the sea whilst they are within the harbours' jurisdiction. Port Waste Management Plans ensure facilities are provided for vessels to dispose their waste responsibly. This and other identified measures are designed to help protect the water quality within our areas and make our seas cleaner for both humans and wildlife well into the future.

#### **MAJOR PROJECTS**

##### **Futurist Demolition**

Work on the demolition of the Futurist theatre continues to progress well. The first phase of the bulk excavation works to the King Street car park has been completed together with the addition of mass concrete weight to the rear of the building to stabilise it during the demolition works. Stripping out internally is ongoing and at the end of May/early June physical demolition of the external walls of the building is planned to commence, starting at the Mermaid end of the building. The project remains on programme for completion in January 2019.

##### **Spa Cliff Stabilisation**

Good progress is being made to agree the details of the contract with Balfour Beatty after much hard work by officers to ensure that all aspects of the project are finalised. Necessary insurances, protections and appropriate commercial terms are well advanced to allow the project to progress in a productive manner. The works will involve installing 206 piles to an overall length of 4,643 m and 4,379 soil nails totaling 62,428 m in length to stabilise the cliffs. The programme of work is anticipated to start at the end of May 2018 and is expected to be completed in November 2019.

### **Retaining Wall Failure below Clock Café**

In March a retaining wall to the rear of the chalets below the Clock Café, partially collapsed, causing damage to the chalets and slippage of the path behind. Currently the chalets are providing support to the retaining wall and therefore they have been left in place. It is possible the weight of the wall and soil may cause the chalets to collapse and therefore work has been carried out to make the area safe including netting over the chalets to control any debris in the event of a collapse. The Council is investigating options for the necessary remedial work. The Clock Café situated above the failure is not considered to be at risk in the short and medium term. The next stage of the project is a ground investigation, which will be carried out at the site in May to obtain further information, following which the options will be considered.

### **Whitby Piers**

Information in regard to the final determination of the ESIF funding bid is yet to be received. If the Council has been successful in securing a £2.7 million grant towards the repair works to the Piers contractors will be engaged to carry out the scheme. In the meantime work continues in progressing the draft contract with Balfour Beatty to enable the works to commence on site at the earliest opportunity.

### **Filey Flood Alleviation Scheme**

We continue to make progress in achieving agreement with the respective landowners. We anticipate starting work later this year.