

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 9 DECEMBER 2021**

**Question to Cllr Alan White  
Leader of the Council**

**By Cllr Pritchard**

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**Question**

Thanks to the Future High Street Fund, Staffordshire County Council, South Staffordshire College and Tamworth Borough Council, Tamworth town centre is about to undergo a huge re-development. This near £100M re-development will offer residents of my division an improved shopping, retail and visitor experience.

Can I take this opportunity to ask the Leader of the Council to recommit publicly, on the record, the council's support for this exciting project and its desire to help create a vibrant town centre in Tamworth for future generations to come.

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**Reply**

Can I thank Cllr Pritchard for taking the time to ask such an important question and one that is so relevant to the vibrancy of all our towns and city centre going forward?

Tamworth town centre is one of a number of places that is receiving unprecedented levels of support from central government. This includes Town Deals in Newcastle, Kidsgrove and Burton that represents over £60M of government investment. We are also seeing investment through the Future High Streets fund in Stafford and again Newcastle totalling nearly £50M.

I am delighted to put on record our support for not only Tamworth, but all our Boroughs and Districts who are working so hard to regenerate their town centres. This is reflected in the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills having as one of his key priorities over the period of this administration, to support the regeneration of our town centres.

These centres are an important part of our Staffordshire community and working with our partners it is vital we find solutions to their regeneration. Whilst the investment from government is welcomed, we cannot underestimate the task that we all face, and each must play a part. We are already investing significant sums in our urban areas and

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## **Reply**

considering how we use our existing assets in the most positive way to help our partners, but to also allow us to continue to deliver our mainstream activity. In addition, I would suggest that we consider the involvement, support and assistance of our respective members and officers on local delivery boards to add further capacity and to aid the sharing of local knowledge. I look forward to further detailed proposals coming forward for this Cabinet to consider.