

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**30 JULY 2015**

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For the period June to 22 July 2015

### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

I am pleased to report that we have been progressing some important, strategic land acquisitions relating to the South Quay at King's Lynn and the proposed Waterfront Regeneration Area at Boal Quay. Negotiations have been finalised and solicitors instructed for the Council to acquire the freehold interest in the former Grain Silo site at the South Quay, and I hope to be able to verbally update Council colleagues at the Council meeting on the 30th July.

In addition to the above we have acquired some land at auction between The Friars and Hardings Way (the Bus link road) which goes some way to complete the land ownership issues for the Waterfront Regeneration Area, and has the potential to address the "pinch point" on the bus route, and I will be discussing this issue with Norfolk County Council in due course.

King's Lynn Innovation Centre (KLIC) update:

On site works on site are progressing well:

- The foundations to the main KLIC building, and the piled base and slab for the access ramp for 'Innovation Drive' were completed 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- The steel frame is currently being erected and is scheduled to complete 17 August.
- The monitoring tests on the proposed enhanced surcharging approach to ground stabilisation in parking areas, continues. The 20 week monitoring period is schedule to run until 26<sup>th</sup> October. RG Carter believe that based on the results so far, their proposed enhanced surcharging approach will delivery acceptable performance and provide the associated cost saving.
- Overall the works are currently 1 week ahead of programme and are currently on budget

Apart from the site works, other priorities we are currently working on include:

- Working with utility companies to secure, timely site services into the site.
- Obtaining appropriate samples from contractors, ensuring RG Carter compliance with our Employers Requirements.
- Developing the KLIC 'Pop-up' Incubator offer
- Concluding the lease, pre-emption and option agreements - BCKLWN's final comments awaited to enable conclusion between solicitors.
- The conclusion of associated legal issues which run with the land, and which are directly dependent on the completion of lease, option and pre-emption agreements.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

Property Services have also been identifying parcels of land capable of development, and taking these through the planning system. We now have several sites with planning permission that will deliver up to thirty dwellings in total on sites across the Borough. I will be looking at the best approach to these sites over the next few months, and I will update Council later in the year.

## **3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet Sifting  
Joint Meeting of the Regeneration & Development and Environment & Community Panel  
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