

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

17 November 2016

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period 29 September to 8 November 2016

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

##### **Budget 2016/2017**

The budget set in February 2016 for the current year still remains on track with an additional £240,300 of savings reported in the monitoring report for September. In addition I can report that as part of our cost reduction proposals additional annual on-going savings are reported of £70,220 in 2016/2017 rising to £80,230 in 2019/2020. Full details are available in the Budget Monitoring Report published on Insite.

The amendments to the Budget 2016/2017 as reported in the monthly monitoring reports will be considered at Cabinet on 6 December 2016 and form the base for the refresh of the Financial Plan 2016/2021.

##### **The Financial Plan 2016/2021**

The work that we have done in this financial year will provide a sound base from which we can prepare the new Financial Plan 2016/2021. Over the next few weeks Portfolio Holders and Service Managers will be firming up budget proposals that will come to Council on 31 January 2017. Our budget setting will need to take into consideration the continuing pressures and challenges on local government finance.

As reported within the October budget monitoring report collection of council tax and non-domestic (business) rates are up on the same period last year as follows and reflect six months (April to September)

	Sept 15	Sept 16
Council Tax	57.14%	57.88%
Business Rates	57.48%	58.33%

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

### **Coastal Management**

A further stakeholder meeting was held in October to update on works to maintain defences on the Wash East Coast. A cabinet report will come forward shortly updating members of progress within this area. We are also arranging a meeting with Parish Councils in the locality to discuss progress so far.

### **Contaminated Land**

The Contaminated Land Strategy is due for a revision / refresh and a report will be prepared for Cabinet in January 17. This will of course go via E&C Panel should they wish it.

### **Flytipping**

The Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance team is going to carry out further work in the areas in North and South Lynn with bagged collections. This will initially include door to door dialogue with residents and potentially investigation and enforcement action if required to keep back alleys free of waste / flytipping.

A public space protection order is being considered for Sandy Lane from Bawsey through to Ashwicken as this is a regular problem area for flytipping and anti-social behaviour. Initial discussions are taking place with local stakeholders ahead of formal consultation.

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

In addition to my usual round of Cabinet and Portfolio Meetings I have also attended the following:

Freebridge Community Housing Board Meeting

Habitat Monitoring and Mitigation Group

Appointments Panel – Interviews for Independent Person for Standards

Local Authority Housing Company

Various Meetings regarding Devolution

Unveiling of the King John Statue

Regeneration and Development Panel

Environment and Community Panel

Audit Committee

Waste Advisory Group – NCC

Meeting with Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Meeting with Unison

Meeting with Leaders of Labour Group and Independent Group

Kings Lynn Town Centre Partnership

To be attended at time of writing

Leaders Meeting on Devolution  
Remembrance Day Ceremony at Greyfriars Tower Gardens  
Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board  
College of West Anglia / Borough Council Liaison Meeting