

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 January 2017

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG – LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

For the period November 2016 to 5 January 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Cabinet Membership

Following Cllr Beales' request to stand down as Deputy Leader, I have taken the opportunity to reshuffle portfolios as previously advised by Democratic Services. I thank Alistair for his help and support over the last seven months. In carrying out this reshuffle I have decided to end the Deputy Cabinet Member role, whilst I appreciate the effort of the DCMs and the acceleration of learning they have had within the roles their constitutional constraints prevented them from being as involved as much as I had hoped. I do thank them for their service.

I have asked Cllr Ian Deveraux to take over the role of Environment Portfolio, a role that I have held since 2004, I am certain he will relish this challenge as I have over the years.

Finally I have asked Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds to be my Deputy and look forward to working together as a team going forward.

Finance Position and Budget

Our revenue support grant settlement from Government was announced on the 15/12/17 and was in line with expected figure (having agreed with government a 3 year funding settlement previously).

November Monitoring report showed we have achieved a further £62,450 in savings against our annual target. To 1st December 2016 we have achieved 81% of savings target for year 16/17 year.

We will be having a members briefing on the Budget on 26th. January, which I would urge all Councillors to attend.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Boundary Review

Following a meeting I have with representatives of the Boundary Commission we have to prepare a review of our ward size and make-up of the Council. This is triggered by a number of factors, one is passage of time (it has been

well over 10 years since the last review) another is the disparity in our ward sizes (the largest is 22% over average size and the smallest is 31% under average size). I will be arranging for a full briefing session ahead of next full Council, as well as briefing for Political group leaders with the Boundary Commission.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

- Local Green Points – Delivery Meeting
- Boundary Committee – Electoral Review of West Norfolk
- Freebridge Housing Board Meeting
- Alive Management Board Meeting
- Local Authority Housing Company Meeting
- Norfolk Waste Partnership
- Major Housing Project Consultative Group
- Meeting with Royal Mail Operatives at Sorting Office
- Water Management Alliance
- West Lynn Forum
- Meetings with other Norfolk Councils Leaders
- Norfolk Coast Partnership
- Kings Lynn Area Consultative Meeting
- KLFM Young Heroes Awards
- Local Sea Defence Funding Meeting

At the time of writing I also have the following scheduled.

- Freebridge Housing Board Meeting
- Kings Lynn IDB
- Meetings with Local MPs.