

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**24 September 2015**

**COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BEALES - CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION**

For the period 30 July to 14 September 2015

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

Work continues on the Major Housing Scheme at Lynnsport/Marsh Lane:

- Legal agreements should soon be in place as part of progress towards discharge of planning conditions relating to drainage.
- Tenders have been received for the 2 new hockey pitches and 4 new tennis courts. Contractors should be instructed within 4 weeks and the build is projected to take some 15 weeks. The contract value is circa £1.1 million and will be funded from short term borrowing (at just less than 0.5% interest) with repayment from future housing sales.
- Norfolk Wildlife Trust and local volunteers continue to make progress on the new nature reserve adjacent to the River Lane pitches. The Borough has provided a shed and other equipment for the work and will install all weather paths over the winter (when grass and foliage has died back) to allow all year access for the public.
- Camera surveys revealed a collapsed drain under the site of the hockey pitches and tennis courts which has been repaired in advance of those works. This was at a cost of some £60K but the work will avoid future and more costly disruption. Land drainage has also been improved by the new pipe as well as proper connection of previously unconnected land drains.

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

Major Housing Scheme at Lynnsport/Marsh Lane:

- Gaywood River meanders will be started in spring 2016 which will increase capacity at times of spate, bring a more natural look to the river as well as improving habitat.
- King's Lynn Miniature Railway are fabricating points and track etc. ready for their spring 2016 relocation to an area adjacent to The Shed.

Nar Ouse Regeneration Area – negotiations are ongoing to purchase additional land from the administrators of Morston Assets and related companies. The Borough Council is now the preferred purchaser. Soil testing to assess contamination levels is ongoing. I will report progress in due course and as soon as I am able.

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

10<sup>th</sup> Aug – portfolio meeting  
16<sup>th</sup> Aug – Cabinet sifting  
20<sup>th</sup> Aug – Radio Norfolk interview (proposed Enterprise Zone)  
24<sup>th</sup> Aug – special Cabinet sifting (Auditors Report)  
1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Resources & Performance Panel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – portfolio meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – joint Panel meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> Sept – meeting with Cllr Richard Bird  
9<sup>th</sup> Sept – Cabinet  
14<sup>th</sup> Sept – Cabinet sifting  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sept – portfolio meeting  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept - Council