

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**29 October 2015**

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

For the period September to 19 October 2015

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

##### **Brown Bin Garden Waste Service**

Councillors will be aware that the negotiations earlier this year provided a stepped increase for capacity in relation to the number of garden bins. The contract figure then was 20,300 the increase allowed an additional capacity of 2,680 totalling 22,980. At the end of September we had a total number in use of 22,242 with 738 available as "spare" capacity.

##### **North End – Household waste and Recycling Collections.**

Over several years there has been problems with collections from alley ways behind properties in the North End area, these problems have been worsened with bags of waste deposited for collection almost immediately after collections had happened. These bags were then liable to be split and waste strewn about. A trail for wheelie bins concluded ineffective and collections are now being required from the front of all properties. Works to keep alley ways clear is ongoing with directed enforcement being considered as an option.

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

##### **Greater Anglia – Rail Franchise**

As noted below I attended the Norfolk Rail Group and met bidders from the 3 companies bidding for the Anglia franchise. Although this franchise only serves Kings Lynn to London Liverpool services during peak hours, it also provides connections from Ely to Norwich, Peterborough and Ipswich among others. Bidders are met in private from each other and representatives are limited in what they can tell ahead of them submitting their bids, however they can all hear from the Rail Group about what we want to see in terms of services going forward.

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

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

Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Choices Meeting  
Various meetings with Freebridge Housing, including board meeting  
Norfolk Coast Partnership Forum  
Norfolk Rail Group – Bidders presentation day  
Wash East Coast Management Strategy – Stakeholder Forum  
Kings Lynn Internal drainage board – Plant and Works Committee  
Staff Liaison with Project Manager Wash EMS SAC  
Norfolk Water Management Partnership

To be attended at the time of writing  
Regional Flood and Coastal Committee