

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

26 November 2015

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period October 2015 to 16 November 2015

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Brown Bin Garden Waste Service.

The total number in use at the end of October 2015 was 22,399 an increase of 157 bins since end of September. The service is now open for the public to apply via the Council's web page and has been changed to promote payment by direct debit, the CIC's number is still quoted if a resident wishes to pay by any other method.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Norfolk County's Waste Advisory Group has made recommendations to the Environment Transport and Development Committee on the mid-term solution for residual waste treatment. This includes the ending of landfill in the County and pre-sorting of waste to create a waste derived fuel for export for thermal treatment outside the County. With substantial savings over landfill this methodology does show an over capacity within the waste treatment industry and that a mass burn waste incinerator was not needed to meet Norfolk's own needs.

The Norfolk Waste Partnership met recently and I was pleased to note that the whole cost for dealing with waste is less within West Norfolk, than in other districts of the rest of the county. We have also had discussions on improving quantity and quality of recycling together with how to improve value from our contract with NEWS, reducing and accounting for contamination. This is most important at the present time as world prices for recyclates are currently deflated. NCC is continuing to explore food waste collections across the rest of the County in areas where this is not offered, as food waste still makes up a significant part of residual waste.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

Norfolk Waste Partnership

Norfolk County Waste Advisory Group

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board (incl Plant and Works Cttee)

Freebridge Housing Board