

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**10<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG – LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES**

For the period 9<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020

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

##### **Environment:**

I attended my first meeting of the Liaison board for our Contract with SERCO. Topics for discussion included role out of new fleet and service provision of food collections should social distancing regulations continue going forward. Due to lead in times for vehicles and options regarding collection of food waste I have determined to work with Serco and our Officers to deliver the best in terms of operation and the environment going forward. I have discounted continued non collection of food waste, as we know the benefits of this being collected separately and treated rather than forming part of the residual waste stream. I will update further as soon these negotiations have concluded.

##### **Personnel:**

Those staff moved from the CIC and other departments to the expanded community hub (working under LILY) are now moving back to their normal roles as the response phase to the Covid -19 Pandemic is stepped down and things settle to the new normal. Work has commenced on re-opening of King's Court to the public, including screens around reception. Initially all face to face meetings will be booked appointments only and obviously will have to represent best practice in terms of social distancing and protection.

As we consider more people coming back to work at King's Court thought has been made of the potential for airborne transmission of the virus and so ventilation (in terms of windows being open) has to be maintained.

##### **Annual Canvas:**

The annual canvas of electors is currently underway, each home in West Norfolk will receive an initial enquiry form, only if there are changes is any further action needed by the householder. This process is a precursor to creation of the update to electoral roles.

##### **Finance:**

Towards the end of July Government announced the third tranche of funding for local government. The allocation to West Norfolk of £294025.00 is as set

out on the table below. This does not include for the help with loss of earnings from “commercial” activity but is nevertheless a helpful addition.

Local Authority	First Tranche of Covid-19 Funding	Second Tranche of Covid-19 Funding	Third Tranche of Covid-19 Funding <sup>2</sup>	Total Covid-19 Additional Funding
Breckland	£69,732	£1,403,082	£232,935	£1,705,749
Broadland	£50,643	£1,300,935	£173,740	£1,525,318
Great Yarmouth	£67,641	£988,971	£237,669	£1,294,281
<b>King's Lynn And West Norfolk</b>	<b>£96,710</b>	<b>£1,508,122</b>	<b>£294,025</b>	<b>£1,898,857</b>
Norfolk	£26,931,660	£16,741,850	£6,000,873	£49,674,383
North Norfolk	£56,802	£1,045,316	£185,060	£1,287,178
Norwich	£105,434	£1,410,773	£301,970	£1,818,177
South Norfolk	£54,974	£1,409,952	£201,003	£1,665,929
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£27,433,596</b>	<b>£25,809,001</b>	<b>£7,627,275</b>	<b>£60,869,872</b>

## 2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Devolution and Recovery White Paper:

In preparation of the forthcoming (at the time of writing) White Paper, I have had numerous meetings with Other District/Borough/City/County Leaders.

The consensus is to wait to see detail contained within said white paper, however I have supported a letter expressing interest in working with Government pending sight of the details. Devolution of powers from Government, potential for reorganisation and recovery of the sector following the Covid Pandemic are all critical to maintain our local services. We have demonstrated an ability to deliver in a crisis, Central Government must now start to trust us locally to deliver on the recovery and growth agenda.

## 3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

In addition to my usual round of portfolio and cabinet meetings I have also attended the following:

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

Various meetings with Norfolk Council Leaders.

Freebridge Board Meetings  
Anglian Great Ouse Regional Flood and Coastal Committee  
Audit Committee  
MHCLG Ministerial Briefing  
Tour of works at Corn Exchange inc Cinema  
Alive West Norfolk Board of Directors  
Norfolk Covid 19 Engagement Board  
Licensing Sub Committee Hearing  
Towns Fund Board  
Joint Waste Contract Liaison.  
Raising of flag for Pride 2020