

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**21 January 2021**

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**CABINET MEMBER FOR PROJECT DELIVERY**

For the period November 2020 to 09 January 2021

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

Hunstanton

Bus Station / Library Site - Following the positive planning decision we are looking in detail at the preliminary works needed to facilitate the development. This includes detailed design of the proposed shelters (in consultation with the Town Council) and designs for the temporary library (in consultation with NCC). Now planning has been obtained negotiations with NCC are progressing regarding the transfer of the existing library for the new library. Contract Terms are scheduled for agreement next month.

Southend Road - Southend Road - A revised application is to be presented within the next few months following the refusal by planning committee in December. There are solutions that should overcome the concerns raised at the planning committee.

Community Centre. - The borough council used to lease the Hunstanton Community Centre, and grounds, to Hunstanton Town Council for £1 per annum. The town council wishes to invest in the Community Centre building; however, they requested that the freehold is transferred to them to allow them to undertake the works. The borough council has therefore transferred Hunstanton Community Centre to Hunstanton town council for the sum of £1 with a restrictive covenant ensuring that the site can only be used for community centre purposes, and allowing the borough council to use the site in civil emergencies and for elections when required.

This facilitates the improvement works to the community centre and reduce the borough council's ongoing grounds maintenance costs.

Burnham Market

An application for 9 new homes has been submitted at Sutton Estate - Burnham Market. These new 2 & 3 bed units, designed in consultation with the parish council, aim to provide a strong capital receipt for the council whilst offering a cost-effective alternative to other accommodation within the village.

## Custom and Self Build Sites

Some progress has been made on the Custom and Self Build Sites at Stoke Ferry and Sedgeford. Further details will be presented in my next report.

## Kings Lynn

Sommerfeld and Thomas, South Quay.

Sommerfeld and Thomas - We have appointed a conservation architect to support us in de-risking the Sommerfeld and Thomas building. They will identify and specify repairs that need to be carried out to protect stabilize the condition of the building for future regeneration schemes undertaken by either the Council or a private organisation if sold.

This work is funded by Business Rates Pool (match funded by BCKLWN) and the Coastal Revival Fund. We are also awaiting tender submissions for a consultant that will support the council by undertaking investigations and surveys on the adjacent Grain Silo site. This again aims to de-risk the site for future redevelopment.

Chapel Street HAZ (Housing Action Zone).

A meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December between some Stakeholder Groups, Historic England, borough council officers and members. There was a presentation by the architects and a discussion followed. Several pertinent points were made by stakeholders and members.

The scheme is to be worked up for presentation and evaluation by the borough council, hopefully in the near future depending on permitted national working restrictions.

A Press Release beginning of January

Work has commenced on the latest scheme in a Major Housing Project with partners Lovell and Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, which will bring 105 new homes to King's Lynn.

The scheme, named Nora 4 at the Nar Ouse Regeneration Area, is situated off Morston Drift in the South Lynn part of King's Lynn on a former factory brownfield site, which has now seen extensive remediations works carried out by the Borough Council.

Nora 4 will consist of a selection of 105 brand-new homes, including 37 available for open market sale, 52 for private rental, 11 for affordable rent and five for shared ownership. The first homes are expected to be completed in February 2022 and the construction work as a whole in May 2023.

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

Continuing evaluation of projects, viability and benefits. Scheduling of viable projects.

## **3 Meetings Attended**

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December

- 10 Cabinet x 2
- 14 Cabinet Sifting
- 16 Marriott's Warehouse  
Cabinet Briefing
- 17 Portfolio meeting  
HAZ Chapel Street
- 18 Guest EN Portfolio meeting  
Chapel Street HAZ Stakeholders meeting

January

- 05 Cabinet Meetings

(Please note there are ongoing communications with officers in addition to the above at all times)