

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

8 April 2021

COUNCILLOR PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE CO2 REDUCTION, BIO DIVERSITY AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES

For the period 25th February to 8th April 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Climate Change and CO2 reduction.

Two applications for funding were submitted to the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS)

“The Council has provisionally received a grant of £2.84 million, from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (PSDS) fund, to be used on seven council owned buildings, subject to detailed design and obtaining any consents required.

This grant funded project aims to reduce carbon emissions from public sector buildings, using technologies such as air and ground source heat pumps, solar PV and cavity wall and loft insulation.

We aim to complete the project by September.”

“This project will aid the council’s carbon emissions reduction journey, through reductions in gas usage.”

These measures are subject to change going into the detailed design stage.

1) Tree Planting:

- Officers are currently looking into a tree planting pilot on council land.
- This pilot is looking to make use of available grants to aid the development of the project and the initial planting.

Cremations and Burials.

There have been a couple of occasions where groups of mourners larger than the permitted 30 have turned up at the Crematorium. This can be distressing and embarrassing. I am pleased to say our staff have dealt with these problems in a professional and courteous manner. Funeral directors have been contacted and asked to remind mourners of the Covid Rules.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Football club car parking

Work on this project has (at last) commenced on March 22nd.

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Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Car parks, Crematorium and Cemeteries and IT.

E&C Panel

R&D Panel

Joint Panel mtg on Budget.

Cabinet Briefing

Norfolk Parking Partnership.

Conservancy Board.

IDB

Friends of the Earth

Klimate Concern

Climate Psychology Alliance and stop Ecocide.

QEH Board of Governors

Habitat Monitoring and Mitigation Fund

All of the above meetings held on line.