

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

8 JULY 2021

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For the period May 2021 to 28 June 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Throughout my first month of holding this portfolio I have had initial conversations with Assistant Directors, Officers and Staff pertaining to my new role. Official regular meetings are due to commence from this month, with frequency varying depending on need / urgency.

Customer Information Centre.

Nothing specific to report, call volumes average for time of year and calls about Covid-19 matters reducing.

Car Parking

Numbers in the resort areas have been good so far this year, town centre parking still quiet compared to normal. I hope to report stats on this report each month.

Resort Management

I inspected the area from the Central Prom toilets down to the Boat Ramp to look at general condition of prom area / detritus etc. It is obvious to me that despite being a very busy sunny Friday the area was clean however weeds in the joints of the concrete could undermine the defence.

Recruiting staff this year has been difficult so I am exploring less seasonal and more permanent positions so such works can be undertaken in "closed" season.

Quay Inspection

As part of my portfolio duties for Pontoons I also inspected the area from the Pontoons to Boal Quay with Cllr Kunes.

It was obvious that Fishing Boats are now utilising the area, which is good to see. However one boat had deposited equipment onto the Quay and this had attracted other flytipping. I have asked that we undertake a clean up to remove this and take measures with the boats owners to prevent future problems.

Town Hall Complex

Socially distanced meetings have recommenced at the Town Hall. Credit must go to the staff for all their efforts in making this work for us in what is “the new normal”.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

King’s Court

As part of the REFIT scheme it is intended to fit “air source” heating to King’s Court offices, which will I am sure be reported by the Environment Portfolio Holder. My portfolio is responsible for the mechanics of getting this to work. The plant required is a larger footprint than existing boilers and so utilisation of more of the service yard is envisaged. This will probably see the removal and replacement of Cycle Racks and displacement of the Leader’s parking space. I will inform of further details as they come available.

Public Conveniences

It is my intention to resume a rolling programme of refurbishment of our toilet blocks across the Borough. While this involves a capital outlay it is important this work is ongoing. Details of which and what order are being formulated with officers.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

In addition to the usual round of Cabinet meetings I have also attended the following:

Future of the Fens – Integrated Adaption Taskforce
Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance 4 & 5.
Briefing on Local Plan
Final Briefing as Leader on Budget Monitoring Report
East Of Ouse Polver & Nar Drainage Board
Portfolio Inspection – Hunstanton
Funeral of former Corporate Director Chris Bamfield
Inspection of Boal Quay Area
West Norfolk Housing Company
West Norfolk Property Board
Alive West Norfolk Board
Water Management Alliance Board Meeting

To be attended at time of writing:

Meeting with Management Team & Cabinet
Telephone Conference with Saffron Housing

Presentation of Cheque to QEH Macmillan Unit at Mintlyn
Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board
Norfolk Parking Partnership