

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**September 2021**

### **COUNCILLOR PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT.**

For the period July 8<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

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

- The climate change strategy and action plan is going to the E&C panel on the 31<sup>st</sup> August and to cabinet on the 21<sup>st</sup> September.
- We are awaiting on confirmation from national government on whether the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Community Renewal Fund bid was successful.
- Now that the climate change strategy and action plan is going to E&C and Cabinet, work on the 2020/2021 carbon audit and district emissions data will continue. We expect these to be ready within the coming months.
- Re:fit 2 work installing low carbon energy measures continues, following the BCKLWN's successful Public Sector Decarbonisation Grant application.

#### **2 Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance Team**

##### **Fly-tipping**

Numbers of fly tips reported has remained largely similar to previous years and the team continue to focus resources on those cases where available evidence suggests a reasonable chance of conviction.

The #SCRAP campaign is being re-started after a break during Covid. The campaign is being run across Norfolk (as well as many other local authority areas across the Country). The broad aim of the campaign is to educate and inform members of the public and businesses about their responsibilities when disposing of waste, as well as publicising successful cases.

##### **Surface Water flooding**

The responsibility for investigating these incidents does not sit within the CSNN team, however we continue to support colleagues across the council and at NCC and AW where surface water flooding has led to sewer discharges.

##### **Nuisance Complaints**

We continue to receive a high number of calls regarding noise and other nuisances.

These are triaged and investigated in line with our statutory duty. Covid restrictions have meant that investigation of such cases has become more difficult leading to longer times to determine cases than we would like. The team is also carrying a vacancy and at time of full council will be shortlisting candidates for the post.

**3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Licensing

Conservancy Board.

IDB

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)

Friends of the Earth

Klimate Concern

QEH Board of Governors

Habitat Monitoring and Mitigation Fund

**Most of the above meetings held on line.**