

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

14 October 2021

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

For the period 9<sup>th</sup> September to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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

We are awaiting on confirmation from national government on whether the Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Community Renewal Fund bid was successful.

##### **Refit 2 update.**

Earlier this year the council was awarded over £3.8 million in grant funding, through the public sector decarbonisation scheme (PSDS), following two separate applications. This scheme awarded grants to public sector organisations to decarbonise their buildings, with a key focus on the decarbonisation of heat. The council's two applications cover 11 buildings and a range of decarbonisation measures, such as: air source heat pumps (ASHP), ground source heat pumps (GSHP), solar pv and insulation.

This work is part of the council's ongoing Re:Fit programme to improve and decarbonise the council's building portfolio.

We are expecting that these works be completed by the end of the financial year, following initial delays from the DNO in implementing their programme of works. Therefore, the council will largely start to see its carbon savings from the 2022/23 financial year. Some savings resulting from the solar pv arrays will be seen sooner, in the form of reduce electricity consumption.

An overview of works progress is highlighted below:

##### **Factory 1, Hardwick:**

24 bore holes have been drilled in preparation for the GSHP, with the remaining groundworks and connects expected in the coming weeks. Solar Pv detailed designs have been submitted with an expected October start date for installation.

##### **Dutton Pavilion, King's Lynn:**

Ground loops have been completed for horizontal GHSP installation. This will likely be the first completed site, with gas disconnection works and radiator upgrades expected being required before completion

##### **Downham Market Leisure Centre:**

Halfway through drilling the 22 boreholes for the GSHP. Currently awaiting further thermal design approval.

Lynnsport, King's Lynn:

This site is still at the design stage for the ASHP, whilst the solar pv array work has started.

St James' Pool, King's Lynn:

ASHP work has not started yet.

Oasis Leisure Centre, Hunstanton:

ASHP work has not started yet, whilst solar pv array work is roughly 90% complete.

King's Court, King's Lynn:

ASHP and time-clock control work has not started yet.

Guildhall, King's Lynn:

ASHP are currently positioned on site, with excavations underway to connect to the plant room.

South Lynn Community Centre:

ASHPs are on site with pipe work being completed. Solar pv works are starting shortly.

Hunstanton Council Offices:

Loft insulation and time clock control work not started yet.

Fairstead Community Centre:

Loft insulation and ASHP work not started yet.

**Environmental services.**

We have installed a number of solar power compacting litter bins in Hunstanton, these not only compact the waste but also signal in when they are full.

We did experience some delays in bin services during the fuel shortages, but these have now been rectified.

I was very pleased to visit the depot for the launch of the all-electric bin supervisors van. These can be used to deliver new / replacement bins and other services.

## **2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet

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

Cabinet Briefing

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.**