

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

14 OCTOBER 2021

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

For the period 9 September to 1 October 2021.

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Gayton Road Cemetery:

I met with officers to see first hand the difficulties being caused by the high water table. It does appear that with careful planning and continued liaison with the Environment Agency burials can continue, however space is limited and additional cemetery space must now be considered. This space will need to be a new site and in addition to the Woodland Burial site previously announced. I will update council as soon as appropriate land is identified the work for which has already commenced.

ICT

During the pandemic the ICT team has facilitated numerous moves out of, back into and around King's Court. As rules have changed and we have been allowed to do so. Like the additional burden outlined for cleaning staff previously huge effort has been put into getting more staff remote working and those physical moves within buildings, and I thank everyone involved for their efforts. This work continues as departments move back into the building away from remote work. Also laptops have been made available and set up as well as usual day job of managing our systems and helpdesk.

The web team have also had increasing levels of communications to upload to our websites to keep the public informed during this time.

The rollout to Office 365 continues on a department by department approach, so systems utilised by each department can be integrated as the move occurs.

CIC

The customer information centre continues to be busy with staff still involved in track and trace efforts for the pandemic as well as dealing with usual call volumes at this time of year.

2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

In addition to usual round of cabinet and portfolio meetings I have also attended the following:

Alive West Norfolk Board Meeting

Water Management Alliance Board
King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board Meeting
Freebridge Community Housing AGM.
Met with Independent Panel on Members allowances
Gayton Road Cemetery (meeting with Officers)
Norfolk Parking Partnership

To be attended at the time of writing:

KLIDB Plant and Works Committee

East of Ouse Polver & Nar IDB

Stoke Ferry IDB

A47 Alliance Meeting

Joint Waste Contract Board (Sub for Cllr Kunes)

Operation Ex Tempestas (Planning for Flooding Emergency)