

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**2 December 2021**

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

For the period 14 October 2021 to 22 November 2021.

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

##### **Customer Information Centre**

As previously reported CIC staff are continuing to facilitate test and trace calls, however with a greater number of people double vaccinated the numbers involved are diminishing at present. However regular workload is still high.

##### **Car Parking Operations**

As well as in West Norfolk we also provide parking enforcement (both on and offstreet) across the County (with the exception of Norwich City). During 2020-21 year numbers of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) reduced to 23400 across the County. This year to October 21300 have been issued with 5 months still to go until year end. Parking revenue again shows recovery from last year with Town Centre parking becoming busier as we head towards Christmas and our busiest period.

##### **CCTV**

At last Council Cllr Kempe asked about additional CCTV coverage paid for by the Police. I quite rightly suggested that the Police did not pay for CCTV, the Borough Council does. However there may have been confusion as the Police and Crime Commissioner has paid for some additional cameras under the Governments Streetsafe initiative. This funding has allowed additional areas to be covered by CCTV in the town centre to allow safer movement around the town. The ongoing revenue costs for the additional cameras will be met from existing budgets.

The CCTV suite is staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week and monitors cameras for partner organisations and Councils across Norfolk.

##### **Public Conveniences**

As mentioned previously I have requested condition surveys on all of the Borough's facilities. This work has now commenced, and I will update further once detail is known. However my opinion is that all toilet facilities need investment to maintain standards going forward. If appropriate a bid to CIL funding may be considered to larger scale capital investments that may be

needed.

### **Open Spaces**

New play equipment in King's Lynn is being installed as requested by KLACC. These are at South Lynn, West Lynn and Gaywood.

We are currently out to tender for painting contract for street furniture & bollards etc. this will see a freshening up of the RAL6007 green painted items seen across the area.

The nursery is carrying out trials for using peat free alternatives in growing all our bedding / hanging basket plants. It is essential that this works as peat free growing has to be the right option going forward.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

### **Car Parking Strategy**

Work is ongoing to develop a car parking strategy for West Norfolk, my portfolio covers the operational issues surrounding parking so input at this early stage of discussions is important. Any strategy has to balance the long term ambition for the town with the need of our rural community to access the Town Centre and be able to "work" on the ground in terms of choice and flexibility within operational boundaries.

### **Upwell Cemetery**

At the time of writing, I have a meeting arranged with Upwell Parish Council regarding the future operation of the Cemetery there. As time passes and plots are sold capacity is an issue going forward and additional space will be needed. The meeting is to look to best alternatives in the village.

## **3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

I have attended my usual round of Portfolio and Cabinet Meetings

I have also attended the following:

King's Lynn jobs fair and King's Court

King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board

Corporate Performance Panel

To be attended:

Alive West Norfolk Board

West Norfolk Housing Company Board

Meeting with Upwell PC.

Norfolk Parking Partnership