

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 January 2016

COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BEALES - CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

For the period 26 November 2015 to 19 January 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Major Housing Scheme – planning permission was granted for 130 homes on the circa 13 acre Marsh Lane site on 7th December 2015. All planning conditions are in the process of being discharged and road construction is planned to start in spring 2016. The hockey pitches and tennis courts that are part of the benefits of the scheme are under construction and management arrangements have recently been set out by Cllr Pope as Portfolio Holder for ICT Leisure and Public Space.

Property Services – the department continues to be very busy with a number of proposals coming forward that seek to regenerate difficult areas of the Borough and provide a commercial return for the Council and the taxpayer. In this vein the sale of land at NORA and acquisition of land at the Friars/Boal Quay was recently approved at Cabinet with other proposals before Council for consideration.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

An update on all aspects of the Major Housing Scheme and the development of 155 homes on NORA will be forthcoming.

Hunstanton Prosperity Group (Coastal Community Team) is in the process of finalising the economic plan for Hunstanton, which is due to be published by the end of January.

In a show of cross party support, Cllr Bird, who is a member of the above group, very recently commended council officers and the council for the work undertaken so far on this plan (including in the 23 January 2016 issue of Hunstanton Town & Around where he writes “this is probably the best piece of work I have ever seen created by the KL&WNBC regarding Hunstanton”).

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

27/11/15 – meeting with the Leader
30/11/15 – Scrutiny Task Group
1/12/15 – portfolio meeting
1/12/16 – Cabinet
7/12/15 – Planning Committee
14/12/15 – Cabinet sifting
16/12/15 – Cabinet briefing
5/1/16 – portfolio meeting
6/1/16 – scrutiny panels
7/1/16 – business liaison meeting
11/1/16 – Cabinet sifting
12/1/16 – Cabinet
18/1/16 – meeting with Corporate Projects Officer
18/1/16 – meeting with Leader and Chief Executive
19/1/16 – Scrutiny Task Group
20/1/16 – meeting with NCC (Better Broadband for Norfolk)
20/1/16 – portfolio meeting
26/1/16 – Treasury training
27/1/16 – scrutiny panels