

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 April 2022

COUNCILLOR SAM SANDELL - CABINET MEMBER FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

For the period 25th February to 8th April 2022.

Sports Facilities and Playing Pitches

At the time of writing my report, the response from the Sports Facilities questionnaire has been very poor. This survey aims to shape the future of the Sports Facilities and Pitches within the Borough, not just for now but for the future of our health and wellbeing of residents and visitors. This is a good project. Please encourage people to get involved and have their voices heard. The email address is- www.west-norfolk-gov.uk/sportsfacility research. This is open until the 17th May 2022.

The Big C Opening

On the 17th March I attended the opening of the Big C Centre on the London Road, along with the Mayor and Mayoress. The Founder of the Big C also attended. With the aid of The Norfolk Community Foundation fund £9,209.00 was awarded towards the costs of furniture, fixtures and fittings and IT for the Support and Information Centre in Kings Lynn. This will support local people affected by cancer and aims to improve their quality of life, physical health and their mental well-being.

Homelessness and Housing

The Ukraine situation is changing on a daily basis. It's difficult to say how many people are coming to the area.

We have had a number of landlords offering up properties. We have 50 live inspections currently with several of these being done.

We have seen a significant increase in numbers of people in temporary accommodation. This is due to several factors: Landlords wanting to sell the properties, and people fleeing from domestic abuse.

As of the end of last week (8th April 2022) we are not aware of any rough sleepers.

We still have a high number of complex cases. These people are getting a high level of support.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Your Local Paper Young Hero Awards.

On the 20th April 2022 I will be attending the Young Hero awards at the Corn Exchange with Simon Weston CBE.

Food for Thought.

People in North Lynn can attend a series of sessions offering help to cook tasty and nutritious food on a budget through the borough council's Lily service.

Food for Thought, run in partnership with the College of West Anglia and the North Lynn Discovery Centre, offers weekly sessions in an informal environment where people can learn new skills such as food budgeting and healthy eating

"You will be able to take away skills that will help you cook on a budget, find cheaper supermarket swaps, make healthy 'fake-away' meals and learn how to make meals go further."

There are 12 sessions in all, starting on 22 April and continuing until 15th July. They will take place every Friday from 9.30am to 11.30am. You do need to book to make sure you have a place as limited spaces are available, but they will be informal and you do not have to attend all of them, you can pick and choose topics that interest you.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

25th Feb - Sports Facility Meeting
28th Feb - Cabinet Sifting
2nd March - Members Briefing
2nd March - Cabinet Briefing
3rd March - Catch up Cllr Lowe
7th March - QEH Briefing
9th March - Cabinet Briefing
14th March - Portfolio Catchup
15th March – Cabinet
16th March- Local Plan task Group
17th March - Active Clean Connectivity Meeting
17th March - Integrated Care Initial Meeting with Officers
17th March – Attended the Big C opening London Road
29th March – Cabinet Briefing
7th April – Financial Assistance grant meeting

8th April – Bin Collection changes Meeting

11th April – Portfolio Catch up

Future Meeting Scheduled

14th April- College of West Anglia Visit

20th April – Your local Paper Hero Awards

Also the usual Cabinet and Portfolio meetings