

## **RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET 21 JUNE 2022 FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY PANEL MEETING**

### **EC11: CABINET REPORT - CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY**

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The Environmental Health Manager and Scientific Officer presented the Cabinet Report which updated the Contaminated Land Strategy.

The Chair thanked the Environmental Health Manager for the report and invited questions and comments from the Panel, as summarised below.

In response to questions from Councillor Devereux relating to mineral extractions, the Environmental Health Manager explained that Norfolk County Council were the lead authority on planning applications for mineral extraction sites with the Borough Council acting as a consultee. It was also explained that many of the contaminated sites were historical as newer sites were subject to restoration plans as part of their planning permission.

In response to a question from Councillor Squire, it was explained that high risk areas were targeted and all sites were considered in a priority order. Future risks were also considered and sites could be kept under review.

Councillor Parish referred to arsenic and the Scientific Officer explained that national background levels had been established.

In response to a question from Councillor Bubb it was explained that a programmed schedule of inspections were carried out and additional work was carried out where spills or complaints had been reported.

The Scientific Officer explained that technology was used to vent gases from site.

**RESOLVED:** That the Environment and Community Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as set out below.

Cabinet Recommendation: Adopt the updated Contaminated Land Strategy.