

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

14 July 2022

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For the period May – July 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

King Lynn Town Deal

Guildhall complex

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank members for their involvement in the further development of the business case for the town fund bid. The task group that was set up brought forward many credible questions which have helped to form the final case progress. It was a very informative meeting with the right level of scrutiny and support for the plan.

CIO

Following direction consulted between myself and the task group, work has now commenced on recruiting 3 key members with high level of experience in the arts, theatre and cultural scenes, I'll keep members posted with progress.

Hunstanton Advisory Group.

A group of key stakeholders has now been formed in Hunstanton to act as an advisory board. A mix of politicians from all levels including business individuals and other sectors. So far the group have formed opinion on the LUF bid for a new oasis. Work will continue with this group and I'll work closely with borough colleagues Cllr Beal and Cllr Bower who have already brought valid ideas and suggestions forward to push Hunstanton forward for the better, for the future.

Events

We have seen over the last few weeks many events that have been well attended by the public it's great to see so many happy faces and really makes me proud to not only live in west Norfolk but play a part in our fantastic offering.

It's great to see Kings Lynn festival and festival too come back to the town, 2 events this council financially supports.

Customs house

As you are all aware myself and Cllr Nockolds having been working hard on securing some activity for the customs house and a use for the building. Cllr Nockolds and the officer team have held various meetings with potential users and we are delighted that the greyfriars gallery group have just last week signed a license to open and display their works over the summer months. They are now working hard on a timetable and myself or Elizabeth will update you all once we know more. Thanks to all involved.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Various meetings within my role as deputy leader and cabinet member

From diary 97 in total since last full council in April, plus usual hours in officers and emails.

I also attended the LGA conference over 3 days last week