

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**26 January 2023**

### **COUNCILLOR - PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.**

For the period 1 December 2022 to 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023

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

##### **Re:fit Work**

Work on the re-fit program continues. Commercial solar power options are being considered and will be presented along with the Refit HLA work.

##### **EV Charging**

Five new electric car charging sites became operational just before Christmas; which are located at Gaywood Library, Lynnsport North car park, Chapel Street, Centre Point Fairstead in King's Lynn and also at Valentine Road, Hunstanton.

Two further sites are planned in the near future in King's Lynn and Burnham Market, which we hope will be operational by the second quarter of 2023.

In addition, once the contract has been finalised, the 4 Rapid Chargers at St James' car park, King's Lynn and Central car park, Hunstanton will be replaced with new units.

An additional EV charger point has been installed at South Beach car park, Heacham.

As well as the completed charging points, work is ongoing for a substation for the EV chargers planned for Austin Street East car park in King's Lynn. Once completed, the charging points will enable 52 cars to be charged.

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

Following the provision of data, further meetings have taken place with the Energy Saving Trust, who are conducting a review of the Council's vehicle fleet, with a view to moving over to electrically powered vehicles where possible. This will take place over several years as older vehicles become due for renewal.

##### **Solar Together**

In terms of next steps, we have now completed the acceptance phase. All

registrants have been sent their personal recommendation with a deadline of 25th November to decide if they wished to accept their offer. I am pleased to report that nearly 270 have accepted the offer for PV panels and/or battery storage.

I am delighted to say that across the county, King's Lynn & West Norfolk recorded by far the largest number of registrations for the scheme.

**Additional**

Work is almost completed on the data analysis for the next BCKLWN Carbon Audit. This will be completed by early Spring 2023.

**3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Licensing.

Flood and Coastal erosion matters.

Cabinet Briefings

Budget briefings

CPP

E&C

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)

Friends of the Earth, Klimate Concern

QEH Board of Governors

Kings Lynn Conservancy Board.