

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

23rd February 2023

COUNCILLOR - PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

For the period 26th January to 23rd February 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Re:fit Work

Work on the re-fit program continues with the installation of air source heat pumps in council owned industrial units. 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. I have asked for additional signage at Lynnsport to show location of chargepoints

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 also 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

Cabinet sifting

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.