

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 February 2016

### **COUNCILLOR DAVID POPE - CABINET MEMBER FOR ICT, LEISURE AND PUBLIC SPACE**

For the period 29 January 2016 to 17 February 2016

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

##### 1. Nursery

The new nursery at the Council's Depot is nearing completion and will be in use by the Spring. The arrangements for purchase of new mowers to allow grass cutting on a 6/12/18 week cycle from March are in hand.

##### 2. On Street Car Parking

As part of our agency agreement with County Council for management of on street parking arrangements, we have now implemented residential parking only for parking on the Springwood Estate, South Quay and Kings Staithe Square.

In the two weeks since 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2000 tickets have been issued for a one hour free and 700 for up to 3 hours on the Quayside.

In line with the Delegated Decision report for the new car park at Burnham Market arrangements are progressing for the car park to be operational before the County Council arrange for yellow lining of the main through route.

##### 3. Whale Stranding

I would like to thank the Resort Staff for their efforts in dealing with the sad incident with the recent stranding of whales in Hunstanton.

##### 4. ICT Systems

###### **Systems**

ICT are working in conjunction with the Housing team to implement a replacement computer system to deal with Choice Based Lettings and Homelessness. The new Housing system will save the Council money on software licence fees and has a more engaging customer portal to enable channel shift.

The Environmental Health and Housing standard arrangement to consolidate

their software onto on system (IDOX) is scheduled to go live later this year.

### **Collaboration software**

A new software package called 'Huddle' is to be introduced, this will be especially useful for internal and external partners to collaborate together on Council projects and documents. An initial small number of licences will be purchased to evaluate the benefits over the next year.

### **ICT for Members**

The ICT for Members project has completed and followed up with an online survey. As a result of the survey, ICT in conjunction with Democratic Services will be holding a further series of training sessions focusing on Citrix Access, iPad maintenance and further support 'drop in' sessions. Details are to follow shortly. Additionally, there will be a new way of undertaking expenses via a new set of forms to be implemented later this year

### **PC Performance Increases**

The speed of the Council's PCs is to be enhanced with a series of improvements, these include solid state hard disks, additional memory and improvements to IT network infrastructure.

### **New Council Website**

New website designs are close to completion and the ICT Web Team are working with Service Areas to review their website content. The new website is due to go live later this year.

## **2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

02 February	Cabinet
03 February	ICT Development Group
03 February	SNAP meeting @ Downham Mkt
04 February	Meeting with Martin Chisholm
08 February	Cabinet Sifting
09 February	Meeting at the new nursery with Nathan Johnson
15 February	Media Skills Training
17 February	CPE Briefing with Martin Chisholm
18 February	CPE - Norfolk Parking at Norwich
19 February	Meeting at The Willows - Downham Mkt
24 February	Portfolio meeting + a panel meeting
25 February	Full Council