

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 March 2016

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period February 2016 to 14th March 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Local Green Points

I had an initial meeting with representatives from Local Green Points who will be delivering a behaviour change programme in relation of our waste and recycling habits. This is to be funded from the £240k of funding announced last year from the DCLG. Further updates and press release will follow soon and I shall keep Council updated on how this scheme progresses.

Wash East Coast

Beach recycling is happening this and last week to move the sand and gravel back onto soft flood defences from South Hunstanton To Wolferton Creek. Environment Agency assessments indicate there should be 5 years of materials available to carry this work out going forward. This year's work is being funded from 3 equal £50,000 payments from us, Norfolk County Council and Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Local Levy.

From next year the Wash East Coast Community Interest Company (CIC) will be taking on the funding for this work together with 25% Flood Defence Grant in Aid (National Funding). Already so far the CIC has raised £134,000 from local businesses in the affected area. Whilst there is currently no mandate to pay their local contributions there seems a good understanding that money is needed to maintain this important work. In addition to local Caravan site owners who are directly funding the CIC at £50 per caravan, land owners are also paying with contributions collected by Kings Lynn Internal drainage board, Anglian Water has also committed for five years funding at £20,000 per annum and even beach hut owners are being asked to contribute via their rent.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Earth Hour.

This year earth hour is on the 19th March and it is planned that Lynn Luminere will be shut down from 8.30pm to 9.30pm to demonstrate the Council's

commitment to reducing Carbon Emissions and so raise awareness of this global issue. Even the Houses Of Parliament in London will see lights turned off during this hour. Those who wish to join in are asked to turn off all electric lights at home and use candles or torches. Details can be found at http://earthhour.wwf.org.uk/?pc=EJG006001&ds_medium=cpc&gclid=CP2vne2OwMsCFUmeGwodQMYHYg&gclidsrc=aw.ds

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

In addition to my usual round of Cabinet and Portfolio Meeting I have also attended the following:

East Of Ouse Nar And Polver Internal Drainage Board
Planning Committee (S.O.34)

Meeting with Local Green Points

Freebridge Community Housing – Board Meeting

Wash East Coast Stakeholder Meeting

Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group

To be attended at time of writing:

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

Kings Lynn Conservancy Board

Briefing on Devolution

Norfolk Coast Partnership Forum

Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group