

**CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**27 June 2024**

**COUNCILLOR BAL ANOTA - CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

For the period 16 May to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

**1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

**Parking Matters**

As you will see from the graph below weather has taken its toll on stays and visitor numbers to our car parks, I thought we would see a little improvement over the half terms, but they were complete washouts with rain and wintery conditions.

This also shows how vulnerable our resort areas are and how much we rely heavily upon the weather, I am hopeful that the weather improves, and we see an increase in stays over this period and surpass last year's numbers.

				*to 12th Only		
		<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June*</b>		
Burnham Market	2023	2631	2443	957	6031	
	2024	1894	2478	934	5306	
					<b>-725</b>	<b>88%</b>
Heacham	2023	3404	3647	1686	8737	
	2024	2338	3253	833	6424	
					<b>-2313</b>	<b>74%</b>
Hunstanton	2023	35143	34330	16358	85831	
	2024	25257	35179	10149	70585	
					<b>-15246</b>	<b>82%</b>
Kings Lynn	2023	112900	115773	44914	273587	
	2024	111213	114750	42937	268900	
					<b>-4687</b>	<b>98%</b>

The new P&D machines will definitely benefit the resort areas, with the addition of different payment options and better service and less reliance on telephone reception. These are due to be rolled out very soon starting with Hunstanton and then the rest of the Borough.

### **Grounds Maintenance/public open space**

It's been a rough start for our ground maintenance team also - yet again the weather. But the team is working very hard through the backlog to get back on track, I visited some of our parks and cemeteries this month and can report they are well maintained to the point I was stopped by a resident to send this thanks to the teams for their hard work.

### **Memorial Safety Testing**

172 cemetery memorials at high risk of falling over are to be made safe by specialists by the end of June

This follows testing of memorials in the council's operational cemeteries and the Diocese's closed churchyards last year.

We are obliged to check these memorials and, where necessary, to make them safe. Where we have identified that a memorial is at risk of falling, we have made every effort to contact grave owners and we have given people time to undertake remedial works, but unfortunately some people have moved and to be honest it's not the first thing on the "to do list" to contact the Borough with new contract details - but this leaves us in an uncertain position, but public safety is at the forefront.

We now plan to lay down the remaining 172 high-risk memorials, but I would like to assure people that it will be done in a careful and respectful manner.

The lower-risk memorials will be monitored by the council's qualified staff until the next round of formal testing, due to take place in 2028.

### **Letters to Heaven**

A special post box has been installed at Mintlyn Crematorium to allow relatives to send letters to loved ones who are no longer with us.

Mintlyn Crematorium has installed the new white letters to heaven post box in their gardens inspired by the touching story of a grieving nine-year-old in Nottinghamshire who first conceived the idea.

This scheme allows family and friends to write letters to their loved ones who are no longer with us.

The letters to heaven post boxes are placed to help residents to remember our loved ones in a special way. They give an opportunity for people to post a birthday card, Christmas card, or the last card or letter that they may not have had the chance to send. We're honoured to have it installed at Mintlyn Crematorium Gardens.

### **Parking Strategy**

both reports (KL & Hunstanton) are currently being reviewed by Officers with a view to having a revised draft for cabinet briefing, likely to be August time, after this the reports will be sent to R&D panel hopefully September or October,

As you know this is an important piece of work which will underpin several decisions / policies to be taken forward, so we are mindful that we want to ensure officers have opportunity to comment/feed and agree collectively a draft strategy for wider scrutiny by the panels and stakeholders. I will report on further progress on this matter as time goes on.

### **Events**

As newly appointed Portfolio for Events It was absolutely fantastic to see the list of our events that we put on in West Norfolk, Please see website for full details -[Events | Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk \(west-norfolk.gov.uk\)](#) These Events not only helps communities come together but helps our core objectives and values as a local authority to give back to our community with some fantastic free events.

I will report further on this during the year,  
But I have to mention our great teams who are involved with the setting up of these events, we attend events but never get to see the intricate details in setting up any event, from road closures/barriers to setting up the stages, our Health-Safety and security, the team absolutely leave no stone unturned and, in most cases, it takes weeks to setup a single event. So, I would like to send my thanks to all the events team for their enthusiasm and dedication to make every event a success.

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

Norfolk Parking Partnership

## **3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

March 2024

4<sup>th</sup> - Planning Committee – TH

5<sup>th</sup> - Cabinet Meeting – TH

6<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MC/DM/GH

6<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – HM

8<sup>th</sup> – Leziate PC –

12<sup>th</sup> – Marriotts Meeting – KC

12<sup>th</sup> Portfolio Meeting – MC

13<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet Briefing – KC

18<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MH

21<sup>st</sup> – Briefing G&T – Teams

21<sup>st</sup> – Full Council – TH

25<sup>th</sup> – Briefing Communities – Teams

27<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MH/OJ

April 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> – Downham Market Site Visit – MH

4<sup>th</sup> – DMFC – Teams

5<sup>th</sup> – Place Directorate Session – TH

8<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee – TH

11<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet Meeting G&T – TH

12<sup>th</sup> – Directorate Catch Up – OJ

15<sup>th</sup> – Knights Hill Development – Teams

15<sup>th</sup> – Place Directorate Staff Session – TH

19<sup>th</sup> – Ward Matters -MD

22<sup>nd</sup> – Economic Strategy – Teams

23<sup>rd</sup> – Shareholders Committee – Teams

23<sup>rd</sup> – ACV Meeting – HH

23<sup>rd</sup> – Cabinet – TH

24<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – OJ/MH

24<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet Briefing – KC

25<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MC/GH/DM

25<sup>th</sup> – Full Council – TH

May 2024

1<sup>st</sup> – Capital Investment – Teams

2<sup>nd</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MH  
7<sup>th</sup> – Planning Committee – TH  
9<sup>th</sup> – Garden Remembrance – Mintlyn  
9<sup>th</sup> – Gayton Road Cemetery –  
9<sup>th</sup> – Special Cabinet – TH  
10<sup>th</sup> – Leziate PC –  
10<sup>th</sup> - KL Engagement Group – Teams  
13<sup>th</sup> – Special Council Meeting – TH  
15<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MH  
16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Council – TH  
20<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet Sifting – KC  
21<sup>st</sup> – Hunstanton Meeting – Teams MH/AB  
21<sup>st</sup> – Planning Training – Teams  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MH/OJ  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Standards Committee – TH  
24<sup>th</sup> – Portfolio Meeting – MC/DM  
June 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Planning Committee – TH  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Special Cabinet – TH  
5<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet Briefing – Teams  
6<sup>th</sup> – PC Site Visit – TH  
11<sup>th</sup> – Cabinet - TH  
12<sup>th</sup> – DM Meeting – KC