

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 April 2016

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For the period 24 March to 18 April 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Having discharged all the necessary planning conditions, work has started on the new road at Lynnsport. This significant new infrastructure will provide the access originally planned for Lynnsport as well as providing good access to the new developments on Marsh Lane and other areas and also improve access for the existing and very large North Lynn Estate. The road and new car parking should be completed by Christmas 2016.

In a slight departure from the norm, I should like to use this, my 54th Cabinet report to Council to record my thanks and appreciation of the leadership and guidance of Cllr. Nick Daubney in all of the years I have been privileged to serve as a Cabinet member of this Council. I shall miss Nick's calm and capable management of all manner of situations at Council and I wish his successor well.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Given the forthcoming change of Leader this may be my last report on Regeneration matters and I thought a brief recap of some of the past and ongoing projects may be in order.

- Installation of the pontoons on the South Quay.
- Completion of the Spinney project in Hunstanton.
- Regeneration & refurbishment of the Saturday Market Place.
- Construction (ongoing) of King's Lynn Innovation Centre.
- Regeneration & refurbishment of the Tuesday Market Place.
- Ongoing build & sale of 155 homes at Nar Valley Park.
- Securing of an Enterprise Zone on Nar Ouse Regeneration Area.
- Securing agreement of Council to pursue the circa £80 million Major Housing Scheme to develop 400 new homes and build new roads, car parks, sporting facilities and create/enhance wildlife areas.

- Acquisition of former Morston Assets land at the Nar Ouse Regeneration Area which allow this Council to progress remediation and development of this important brown field site.
- Evaluation of the Council's land holding across the Borough and pursuit of planning permission and/or sale where appropriate.
- Acquisition of strategic (and often difficult) sites for investment or future sensitive development.
- Ongoing Analysis of the structure and staffing of the entire department in the light of budget pressures.
- Townscape Heritage Initiative.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

29th March – meeting with Henry Bellingham MP.
 1st April – Enterprise Zone launch (had to send apologies last minute).
 4th April – meeting at Princess Theatre, Hunstanton.
 5th April – conference call re Better Broadband for Norfolk.
 5th April – meeting on silo site with Property Services Manager.
 5th April – Cabinet.
 6th April – meeting with operators of Marriott's Warehouse.
 7th April – meeting with Henry Bellingham.
 11th April – Gayton PC.
 13th April – Leziate PC.
 19th April – meeting with Leader & Chief Exec.
 20th April – meeting at Lynnsport with Corporate Projects Officer.
 20th April – Sibelco Liaison meeting.
 27th April – THI board meeting.
 28th April – full Council.