

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025**

### **COUNCILLOR BLAND - CABINET MEMBER FOR PARKING AND OPEN SPACES**

For the period 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

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

We were privileged to attend the recent Awards Ceremony held at St Ives Leisure Centre, where we hoped our dedicated and hardworking staff would receive the recognition they so richly deserve. The outcome was truly exceptional: a testament to their unwavering commitment and professionalism.

We are proud to announce that we were awarded Gold for Esplanade Gardens, Tower Gardens, The Walks, and the Crematorium. These accolades reflect the outstanding standards maintained across our sites and the dedication of all those involved.

In addition to our staff, I wish to extend sincere gratitude to the many volunteers who contribute their time and energy to enhancing the quality of life in West Norfolk. Your efforts play a vital role in making our community a pleasant and welcoming place to live and work. Congratulations to all.

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

Car parking statistics are always an area of interest, and whilst the summer school holiday weather was not as kind as we might have hoped, the great start to the year has resulted in a 2.9% increase in stays within the Hunstanton's resort car parks, year to date as of 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The King's Lynn short-term stays, which are generally considered a good barometer of footfall in our main town centre, have remained within 1.7% of last year for the same period; which when considered against the above does suggest the town centre footfall continues to fair well, even when warmer weathers may draw more to the coastal areas.

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

## Meetings attended

21/7 Cabinet briefing  
24/7 Cabinet briefing  
25/7 Hunstanton gardens Anglia in bloom judging  
27/7 KL Festival Philharmonic Orchestra  
30/7 Cabinet briefing  
31/7 NHS Hospital briefing  
31/7 Full council  
7/8 Town and PC meeting LGR  
13/8 Cabinet briefing  
15/8 VJ Day Tower gardens and Town hall  
15/8 LGR briefing  
19/8 Cabinet sifting  
18/8 Visit to Tapping house  
21/8 Tour of building developments with Lovells  
22/8 Meeting with MC  
28/8 Visit to Crem to view improvement works  
1/9 LGR briefing  
3/9 Transformation briefing  
4/9 Anglia in Bloom awards at ST Ines  
4/ 9 Cabinet briefing  
11/9 Workshop meeting  
11/9 Town and PC LGR briefing  
15/9 Museums meeting  
16/9 Cabinet meeting  
18/9 Full council