

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 JUNE 2015

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period 8<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

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

##### **Brown Bin Garden Waste Scheme:**

Numbers using the Brown Bin Garden waste scheme have again increased during May by a further 135 bins to 21,329. However at the time of writing the number could have totalled 21464, but additional bins are on order with suppliers.

##### **Hunstanton Flood Defence Gates:**

Works have now concluded on the steel flood defence gates put into place along Hunstanton Seafront. These gates replace the "Stop Logs" along the promenade and will be quicker to put into operation with less man power in a tidal surge or severe high tide event, such as in December 2013.

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

The Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board is proposing to increase its drainage district to a catchment based approach (rather than geographical).

This will mean that areas in the "highland" that drain into their area will be managed and maintained by the IDB rather than the Environment Agency.

This approach will see an improvement in maintenance in the upland areas.

This process will take time to achieve, with provisional meetings seeking approval from the Central Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, Norfolk County Council as Lead Local Flood Authority and also at the recent Combined Panel meeting at the Borough Council. Once these preliminary opinions are sought further consultation will commence with Landowners / drainage rate payers in the "highland" catchment and other bodies and the public.

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

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board  
Wash East Coast – Update Meeting

NCC Flood Management Drop in Session at Kings Court  
Kings Lynn Conservancy Board  
Borough Council AGM and Mayor-making  
Cabinet Sifting  
Meeting with KLIDB – Proposed Boundary Changes  
East Of Ouse Nar and Polver IDB  
Meeting With Environment Agency, Norfolk CC And Borough ref Flytipping  
Joint Regeneration And Development Environment and Community Panel  
Wash and North Norfolk Coast European Marine Site - Core Management  
Cabinet

To Be Attended at the time of writing:

Portfolio Holder Briefings – Waste and Recycling  
Future working of Safer Neighbourhood Action Panels – Portfolio Holder Brief  
Norfolk Coast Partnership annual Conference  
Joint R&D and E&C Panel  
Wash and NN Coast EMS Full Board