

## **Cabinet Members Report to Council**

### **Date of Council Meeting**

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| <b>Councillor Sandra Squire – Cabinet Member for Environment &amp; Coastal</b> |
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| Report to Council for the period 29 <sup>th</sup> July to 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 |
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#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters**

##### **Prom & Coastal:**

Beach levels continue to be monitored closely by the team in advance of the upcoming interim works this winter. Designs for the capital project are being developed alongside upcoming interim works. Further details will be available once the planning application has been submitted.

I won't be attending council this month as I will be attending the LGA Coastal SIG field trip and AGM. This is attended by coastal authorities around the country and includes tours of projects in the host council area. This year we are in Blackpool, where we will receive a tour of their new and upcoming sea defence work. This is particularly of interest as we have the same contractor for our prom capital works, so it is an opportunity to see what they have done and hear about the challenges they faced. I am particularly interested in the design of their sea defence and whether there are elements which could be used locally.

Dave Robson, our Environmental Health Manager, who has played a crucial part of environmental works across the borough, from flooding, contaminated land, air quality and coastal defence is retiring this week. I am sad to see him go, he leaves some big shoes to fill at an important time for us. However, I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing him every happiness and success in whatever he chooses to do in retirement. I'm sure he will be keeping a close eye on us from afar.

##### **Public Open Space & Waste:**

Its been a pleasure to have the opportunity to spend more time with the teams at the depot recently. We received a tour of the council owned and leased allotments, to see the individual sites, we spoke to some allotment holders about any issues at the sites. We heard about some of the challenges including the long waiting lists, dumping of waste, cockerels and enforcement of inappropriate usage of allotments.

More allotments in Kings Lynn are planned, with new smaller, more manageable plots becoming available.

Both of our new enforcement officers are now in post in the waste team and have issued their first fixed penalty notices. When I visited, three had been issued in a few days with more investigations pending. Our new expanded waste team at the depot are keen to get to grips with waste crime and have been speaking to our neighbouring councils about joint events and also planning more multi agency events.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments**

### **Electrical and Battery Recycling:**

Several councillors have enquired about when we are going to start offering curbside battery and electrical recycling facilities again. This is a work in progress and we anticipate a trial starting very soon with a new electrical contractor. As soon as the new system is in place, we will be making an announcement, however for the time being, please could I ask for your continued patience. Household waste recycling centres can now accept both electricals and batteries, please check the Norfolk County Council website for details of what can be recycled and where.

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

Various Portfolio Briefings  
East Anglian Coastal Group Meeting  
Cabinet Sifting  
Joint Waste Contract Review Board  
Cabinet briefing  
Chairing Skills Training  
Cabinet  
RFCC Coastal Members Meeting  
Allotments visits  
KLAC  
LGA Coastal SIG Field Trip & AGM  
Norfolk Coast Partnership CMG meeting