

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 July 2016

**COUNCILLOR ALISTAIR BEALES - CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION**

For the period 30 June to July 2016

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

**Hunstanton Heritage Gardens** – implementation of this Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project cuts across several departments, but Regeneration will lead on the delivery of this project assuming the project manager role, including reporting to the HLF.

- The Stage 2 application form was approved by the HLF Board in June.

The project is on the seafront gardens and conservation area in Hunstanton, centred on The Green and adjoining network of public open green spaces comprising the Esplanade Gardens and Cliff Parade. The green spaces were central to the original vision of Henry Styleman Le Strange for a purpose built Victorian seaside resort. The areas remain pivotal to the town's heritage and seaside facilities today but have deteriorated and heritage assets eroded due to piecemeal and inappropriate design of key features over the years. The project will deliver a comprehensive restoration of this important seaside park which celebrates and respects the original vision of its founder, Henry Styleman Le Strange.

- The total cost of the project will be £1,325,070 with a HLF grant contribution of £993,920 and £331,150 from the Borough Council

#### **King's Lynn Innovation Centre**

- Official launch was on 14 June
- Attended by the New Anglia LEP Chair and Chief Executive, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce, Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP, University of East Anglia, College of West Anglia and local businesses
- Since its launch, six businesses have signed agreements to take up office space in the centre

### **King's Lynn Riverfront Delivery Plan**

- Following a procurement process, Urban Delivery, a multi-disciplinary consultancy, has been appointed to support the Borough Council in preparing the Delivery Plan.
- Inception meeting will take place on 18 July to agree the programme, roles and responsibilities of the Project Team (officers and consultants) and the stakeholder engagement plan.
- Completion date is February / March 2017

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

### **Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) - Growth Deal Round 3**

- New Anglia and Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEPs are in the process of finalising the submission of the Growth Deal Round 3. The Borough Council, as a member of both LEPs, is actively involved in the work supporting these preparations together with the other Local Authority members.
- In the previous two rounds, King's Lynn & West Norfolk secured a total of £11.5m from the Growth Deals for the construction of a University Centre in King's Lynn at the College of West Anglia, an Institute for Advanced Construction in Bircham Newton at the National Construction College and the King's Lynn Innovation Centre.
- Unlike the previous two rounds, when the LEPs had to submit a list of projects, the Growth Deal 3 requires a 'programme' approach with key themes / priorities submitted instead of individual projects.
- Deadline for submission is 28 July and will be preceded by a ministerial challenge taking place at the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills on 19 July.

**Implications of the EU Referendum vote for European funding programmes in the UK** - a press release issued on 7 July by the Norfolk County Council in its capacity as the Managing Authority for the Interreg VA France (Channel) England Programme states that "nothing material has changed at this stage; the UK continues to remain a full member of the European Union, and there are no changes to the UK's status in the Interreg VA France (Channel) England Programme or any other EU funding programmes."

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

1<sup>st</sup> July – portfolio briefing

4<sup>th</sup> July – naming of wildlife area at Lynnsport (Salter's Sanctuary)  
8<sup>th</sup> July – Mars Food UK Ltd.  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Devolution presentation (apologies given).  
13<sup>th</sup> July – leaving party for Cllr. Daubney  
15<sup>th</sup> July – site visit to Lynnsport/Marsh Lane development  
18<sup>th</sup> July – Cabinet sifting  
19<sup>th</sup> July – meeting with Chief Exec/Leader  
21<sup>st</sup> July – meeting with Corporate Projects Officer  
27<sup>th</sup> July – Regeneration & Development Panel  
28<sup>th</sup> July – meeting with Chief Executive  
28<sup>th</sup> July – full Council