



**Council**  
**Wednesday, 31st January, 2024 at 5.00 pm**  
**in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market**  
**Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

**Reports marked to follow on the Agenda and/or Supplementary Documents**

Councillor de Whalley's report

1. **CABINET MEMBERS REPORTS** (Pages 3 - 5)

In accordance with Standing Order 11, to receive reports from Cabinet Members moved en bloc, under Standing Order 11.2 Members of the Council may ask questions of Cabinet Members on their reports and Portfolio areas. The order of putting questions shall commence with a Member from the largest opposition group, proceeding in descending order to the smallest opposition group, followed by a non-aligned Member and finally a Member from the ruling group. This order shall repeat until the time for questions has elapsed or there are no more questions to be put.

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses shall not exceed 50 minutes for all Cabinet Members, excluding the Leader

The period of time for putting questions and receiving responses to the Leader shall not exceed 15 minutes.

**(Councillors are reminded that this is a question and answer session not a debate.)**

**Business – Councillor A Beales**

**Climate Change and Biodiversity – Councillor M de Whalley  
(ATTACHED)**

**Environment and Coastal - Councillor S Squire**

**Finance – Councillor C Morley**

**Property & Corporate Services – Councillor B Anota**

**People and Communities – Councillor J Rust**

**Tourism Events and Marketing – Cllr S Ring**

**Deputy Leader Development and Regeneration – Councillor J Moriarty**

**Leader - Councillor T Parish**

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**CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**31 January 2024**

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL de WHALLEY - CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY**

For the period 23 November to 25 January 2024

**1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

**Schools Project**

Eastgate Academy in Lynn won the 2023 Climate Champions competition aimed at Year 5 students. Living For the Future was a free competition, facilitated by a company called 8billionideas, for local schools to enter aimed at encouraging creativity in every child and educating students on the issue of sustainability. Feedback is being sought from local schools ahead of planning for the 2024 competition.

**EV Charging**

Legal matters have been concluded for the proposed site at Austin Street, King's Lynn. The scheme will now move forward to implementation.

**Norfolk Climate Change Partnership**

An annual update was considered by Corporate Performance Panel on 4 January 2024.

The Partnership did not have a meeting in December 2023. The next meeting is 31 January 2024.

**Climate**

November 2023 was the warmest November on record globally, with an average surface air temperature of 14.22°C, 0.32°C above the temperature of the previous warmest November, in 2020. November was about 1.75°C warmer than an estimate of the November average for 1850-1900, the designated pre-industrial reference period.

December 2023 was the warmest December on record globally, with an average surface air temperature of 13.51°C, 0.31°C above the temperature of the previous warmest Decembers, in 2015 and 2019. December was about 1.78°C warmer than an estimate of the December average for 1850-1900.

**The annual global mean temperature of 14.98°C in 2023 is the highest on record, 0.17°C higher than the previous record in 2016 and at 1.48°C above the 1850-1900 average.**

**January 26th 2024 was the first time the 365-day running mean reached the Paris limit of 1.50°C.**

*Data source: European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts - ERA5. Please note that for 2023's global mean temperature, other major datasets vary between 1.34°C and 1.54°C above the 1850-1900 average.*

Globally, a record 36.8 billion tonnes of fossil carbon dioxide were emitted in 2023, 1.1% higher than 2022, along with a new all-time high for the annual global average level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

At the current rate of progression, the increase in Earth's long-term average temperature will reach 1.5°C above the 1850-1900 average by around 2032 and 2°C will be reached around 2057.

*Source: Global Carbon Project*

The 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change aims to keep the long-term average global temperature rise to well below 2°C and encourages parties to strive for warming of no more than 1.5°C.

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

### **Air Quality**

The draft air quality action plan is being consulted on until March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. It made top story on BBC Radio Norfolk's breakfast show, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Documentation and survey are on the Council's website. Drop-in sessions are as follows:

5 February 2024 – Gaywood Library, River Lane, 4pm to 6pm

12 February 2024 – King's Lynn Library, London Road, 4pm to 6pm

### **Norfolk Net Zero Communities**

We can now reveal that the selected community is Marshland St. James. Following a presentation, the parish council has confirmed its support for the project. Communications are being finalised to align with a further six communities in Norfolk ahead of the formal project launch event anticipated in March 2024. The local launch is February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 and will include a Beat your Bills roadshow.

### **Mayor's Business Awards – Environmental Champion**

Visits to the 3 shortlisted companies (British Sugar, Mickram Ltd and Tamar Nurseries) took place during January 2024 ahead of the awards event on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

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

Corporate Performance Panel  
Regeneration and Development Panel  
Environment and Community Panel  
Audit Committee  
Joint Group Meeting  
Standards Committee  
Conservancy Board  
King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board  
Norfolk Net Zero Communities  
King's Lynn Car Parking Strategy  
King's Lynn and West Norfolk Museums Committee  
NW Norfolk CaBa - Norfolk Rivers Trust  
Village Green/Community Orchard/Hardings Pits  
Mayor's Business Awards – Environmental Champion  
Schools Project  
Community Environmental Groups (Teams)

Portfolio Holder Briefings and updates:  
Cabinet Briefings  
Active & Clean Connectivity Update  
Climate Change (weekly updates)

Meetings Scheduled:  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Forestry Commission