

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 September 2016

**COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND HEALTH**

For the period 28 July to 18th September 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The Heritage Lottery Bid for the Southgates project has been submitted. We worked in partnership with Norfolk Museums in putting together the bid. As part of the project we intend to commission a detailed historical and architectural survey which will inform the new exhibition and Interpretation of the building as well as the tours led by volunteer guides.

The production of a mobile phone App, which is part of the 'Stories of Lynn' project, is almost completed. Whilst one part of the App focuses on the exhibitions within 'Stories of Lynn' the other components will be available as a guide to help explore and discover the other heritage sites within the town.

As well as promoting our area on the "visitwestnorfolk" website the first edition of the new West Norfolk mobile phone App was released on the App Store at the end of August. The Android version will be released shortly. The App, as well as the website, provides a directory guide to, places to stay, places to eat, things to do and many other local services throughout West Norfolk. The App will also provide an opportunity for businesses to promote special offers.

Due to the success of the events in Kings Lynn this summer the footfall in the town increased by 10% above last year which in itself was outstanding. The events have been incredible this summer and its due to good partnership working with many groups such as the Vancouver Quarter, Norfolk Museums, Civic Society, KL Festival, Festival Too and of course our staff.

The Borough has had great success this year as the 3 towns received Gold Awards and South Wootton achieved Silver Gilt from Anglia In Bloom. This achievement reflects the amount of work not only performed by our staff but from many groups of volunteers and young people at schools or College throughout the Borough.

The Council are working in partnership with Alive Leisure as well as Creative Arts East to deliver a 2 year pilot arts development plan throughout our Borough. If the scheme is successful it is hoped the scheme can be extended into a 5 year plan involving the Guildhall. The first and second art session was held at Downham Market Leisure Centre.

Consultation on options for the future of the Guildhall Complex started with members of the public on Heritage Day at the Shakespeare Barn which gave them an opportunity to complete a questionnaire, which is also on-line, and view 3 possible options of ways to restore the Guildhall which includes making it accessible for all as well as having flexibility of use. A second meeting with hirers of the hall will take place within the next 2 weeks.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The Council has been, with the support from Active Norfolk, operating the WN Walking for Health scheme since 2008. There are 1020 walkers registered with 10 trained walk Leaders. A registered charitable organisation is in the process of being set up. The proposed Trustees are a mix of walkers and Walk Leaders who have volunteered to keep the scheme running and support people to get active. The Autumn/Winter walking programme is available at Libraries, GP surgeries, Council Offices and on-line

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Chris Bamfield Exe. Director of Commercial Services
Grounds Maintenance Manager and Area Managers
Mark Fuller Property Dept.
Sarah Dennis Financial Assistance Officer
Tim Humphries Tourism Manager
Ruth Farnan Stories of Lynn Activities and Engagement Officer

Cabinet

Environment and Community Panel
KL & WN Area Museums Committee
Alive Management Ltd., Board
N. Norfolk Coast & Countryside Tourism Board
WN Tourism Executive Committee
Hunstanton Green Management Committee
Norfolk County Councils Healthy Places Team
Norfolk County Councils Health & Well Being Board
Norfolk County Councils Cycling & Walking Working Group
WNCCG Joint Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee
KL Internal Drainage Board
WN & KL Girls' Schools' Trust
KL Festival Board
Guildhall Hirers Group meeting
WN Community Transport Board
Swan Centre Downham Market
KL In Bloom Allotment and Front Garden Presentations
Anglia in Bloom Presentations Gorleston
Hunstanton Area SNAP
EDP West Norfolk Star Awards
Samphire Quilters

