

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 29 September to 8 November 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Work continues at Lynnsport/Marsh Lane and the new culvert over the Bawsey Drain is complete after some complex work to move a sizable fibre broadband cable and other services. This will allow access to the new car park from the north on a temporary basis and the existing car park from the south allowing closure of the middle section in between for relocation of a sewerage rising main and surfacing of the road. It is hoped the new northern access road will be open all the way from Edward Benefer Way to Lynnsport by Christmas.

King's Lynn Innovation Centre was officially launched on 14th June 2016 and I am pleased to report that the centre is now some 40% full – a little ahead of projection.

An operational restructure of the portfolio is underway and is a reflection of the number of projects and volume of work in progress and the need for efficient and effective management. All portfolio staff were consulted to gather views from the coal face on the best way to achieve objectives and feedback has been useful and constructive. A number of posts are yet to be filled and I will report more fully in due course.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

I am meeting with officers from senior management, property services, regeneration teams and ITC to devise a more effective method of portfolio reporting that allows data to be easily shared and synched between portfolio holder and officers. This is a work in progress but a mainstream software solution (of which I have experience in the private sector) looks to be a possible solution. This initiative will work in tandem with options being considered by Cllr. Daubney as ICT portfolio holder. Again I will report more fully in due course.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

- 4th Oct – meeting at Lynnsport with Corporate Projects Officer
- 10th Oct – Cabinet sifting
- 12th Oct – briefing on devolution consultation results (Ipsos Mori)
- 18th Oct – Leader/Deputy/Chief Exec briefing
- 18th Oct – portfolio briefing
- 19th Oct – Regeneration & Development Panel
- 24th Oct – scrutiny training
- 25th Oct – service review meeting
- 25th Oct – Better Broadband Steering Group
- 25th Oct – Cabinet
- 1st Nov – meeting with Leader
- 2nd Nov – meeting with Corporate Projects Officer
- 3rd Nov – EDP Business Awards
- 4th Nov – meeting with ITC officers
- 8th Nov – meeting with Regen team re waterfront
- 9th Nov – update meeting at Lynnsport with Sir Henry Bellingham MP
- 10th Nov – visit of Historic England Urban Panel
- 17th Nov – full Council