

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 January 2017

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For the period December 2016 to January 13th 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

To improve and enhance the Gaywood River, from where it meets the Bawsey river north of Lynnsport and some open space, which is currently redundant land, an application to the HLF, "Our Heritage" programme is going to be submitted. If granted it will be used to create a woodland and wild flower area, and enhance the Gaywood Rivers biodiversity as well as installing pond dipping areas. Within the project an activities plan will be delivered. The aim of the plan is to increase visitor numbers to the area with activities such as pond dipping, planting days, traditional skills such as willow weaving and a timetable of lectures.

Visit England have funded the National Coastal Tourism Academy who are creating videos, launching them this month, featuring the beauty and assets of the east coastline. The videos will provide digital content aimed at inspiring visitors to see more of our area. Many of west Norfolk tourism businesses are involved. This project is being trialled with visitors from the Netherlands who are drawn to the east coast because of the wide choice of camping and caravan sites as well as the cycle paths, and have easy access from the ports of Hull and Harwich.

3 candidates for the post of Archivist at the Town Hall were interviewed with the successful person commencing work at the KL Archives in December. This is a trainee post and the person will enrol on to a structured archivists course.

The application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the St Georges Guildhall Project was submitted on the 7th December 2016. Feedback from the HLF is expected to be late March 2017.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

A special display of Anglo-Saxon treasure on loan from the British Museum is on display at Lynn Museum. The display features 2 of the 6 silver Pentney Brooches which were dug up during 1977 in Pentney churchyard. Norfolk

Museums Curator of Archaeology will be giving a talk about the brooches and the Anglo-Saxon period on 8th February.

Lynn Museum has been donated items relating to Captain Samuel Cresswell Gurney, who lived in Kings Lynn and later was an Arctic Explorer. Among the items is a ceremonial sword, a cabinet, scroll and epaulettes which was presented to Cresswell by the people of Kings Lynn in 1853. We are planning to have these items incorporated into the Stories of Lynn displays in the Town Hall.

Under the terms of the SLA with Norfolk Museums Service the Lynn Museum continues to have free admission until end of March.

The events for Summer 2017 are being planned with the Borough Council working in partnership with Norfolk Museum service, Vancouver Quarter, KL Festival, Festival Too, KL Civic Society and many other community groups.

KLFM who are working in partnership with Alive Leisure and the Borough Council are presenting their Sports Awards at the Corn Exchange next week.

Funding from WREN and Sport England amounting to £176,000 will enable improvements to the insulation and a mezzanine floor for The Shed Skatepark. 'Awards for All' funding of £10,000 will be used to purchase new equipment. The Shed will be closed until early March.

Alive Leisure are working in partnership with Active Norfolk organising Coaching Courses for Leaders of sport, Fit4Work activities and encouraging women to take part in 'This Girl Can' campaign, such as netball, swimming and running. As all staff of Alive Leisure have attended Safeguarding training as agreed in their Safeguarding policy Alive Leisure have been awarded Safer Accreditation.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Chris Bamfield Commercial Services Exe. Director
Simon McKenna CEO Alive Leisure
Tim Humphreys Tourism Manager

Cabinet

Leader with Sir Henry Bellingham MP and Elizabeth Truss MP

Environment & Community Panel

Regeneration & Development Panel

KL & WN Area Museums Committee

LILY Board

N.Norfolk Coast & Countryside Ltd. Board meeting

Alive Management

Norfolk Joint Museums Committee

Active Norfolk

KLFM Sports Awards Judging Panel

WN Sports Council
KL Festival Board
KL & WN Girls' Schools' Trust