

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

6 APRIL 2017

### **COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period 23 February to 25<sup>th</sup> March

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

Following excellent Press coverage of the Launch of Great British Spring Clean Campaign, seven Parishes demonstrated their Pride in their Communities with their full participation and by taking full advantage of the Clean-up Kits and support facilities we provided.

Assisted by good publicity, visits are almost complete to those properties in King's Lynn North End, who receive a black bag refuse collection service; we are explaining to the occupants their responsibilities for keeping a clean and healthy environment and to avoid fly tipping and other Council clean-up action. We are making it clear that any such breaches, including fly-tipping will result in enforcement action. There are a number of active investigations ongoing in the Borough concerning fly-tipping and filthy & verminous properties.

Our Officers continue to support the Police with measures to improve behavior in and around the Bus Station, which is showing a marked reduction in reported problems.

Since last December the Brown Bin count has increased by 340 to a total of 24624.

Following National coverage of concerns about urban, traffic related air pollution; we responded to a request from Radio Norfolk to tell listeners about pollution levels in King's Lynn. We outlined progress with our King's Lynn Air Quality Management Action Plan; detailed performance will be considered by a forthcoming Environment & Community Panel.

Our Emergency Response Teams continue to operate at an intense level of activity due to the unprecedented number of events this year. The principle demand is the ongoing Manor Farm Fire, for which management has now been handed over from the Emergency Services to our Borough Council Team. We are monitoring the smoldering remains and preparing for detailed investigation of the residual pollution and eventual recovery plans.

We hosted a very successful visit to Snettisham Beach by The Chair of the Environment Agency and her Staff, Sir Henry Bellingham MP, Anglian Water,

and the Borough Council to see the beach recycling work in action under the new contractual and funding arrangements. The EA Chair declared that this programme to be the exemplar for the new National Partnership Funding Model and congratulated the Local Community Interest Company for their excellent work.

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

Consideration of the factors, issues and options influencing future waste collection, recycling and management arrangements

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

Cabinet and associated meetings  
Audit Committee  
Regeneration & Development Panel  
Corporate Performance Panel  
Tour of MRF at Costessey  
Visit to RAF Marham  
Various Portfolio Meetings with CSNN, Planning, Coastal Protection, Refuse & Waste Teams  
Council  
Launch of Great British Spring Clean Campaign  
Project Management Review  
Hosting of visit by the EA Chair, Sir Henry Bellingham MP and Anglian Water to Snettisham Beach  
Fly-tipping Interview with KLFM  
Air Quality Interview with Radio Norfolk  
Environment & Community Panel  
Norfolk Waste Partnership Board

### **Scheduled**

Wash East Coast Management Strategy Group  
Joint Employee Consultative Committee  
Council  
HRA Monitoring, Mitigation & Green Infrastructure Panel  
Hunstanton Green Joint Management Committee