

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

15 June 2017

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 25th March to 5th June 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Significant progress continues to be made to advance our campaign for the greening of our Borough environment, yet, much remains to be done in encouraging the adoption of the conduct and behaviours to reduce Fly-tipping and increase the collection of food-waste, re-cyclables and garden waste.

A positive achievement was the Award of Cheques for £1500 and two of £750 to **The Norfolk Hospice, MIND and Scotties little Heroes** as the winning charities voted by participants in our implementation of the National Local Green Points scheme, which is currently being re-launched to encourage greater participation. If you haven't already, I encourage all to sign up and demonstrate commitment to our Policy to improve our Borough and at the same support our local Charities!

Agreement has been reached through the **Environment & Community Panel** on how we might simplify the Food Waste Caddy Liner arrangements. Over the summer we have initiated **Doorstep visit campaign** to those areas where we believe that we can help residents to understand what they might do to increase recycling and improve waste collection.

Following years of chronic problems with fly-tipping and rubbish dumping in **North Lynn**, our Officer Team and I, have established a joint-approach with Community Leaders to help them help themselves, to improve their waste management issues and increase pride in their area. I have recently followed this up with an un-announced visit and discussion with the local Leaders and they are very pleased with our involvement and proud of the achievements thus far.

Informal discussions with Local Police and their County Leadership have also been supportive and hopefully will lead to a higher profile campaign to reduce fly-tipping across the County.

Hunstanton matters have attracted greater involvement as the summer season gets underway. These include the loss of sand from the beach where Sailing Club launch and recover their craft; this has been so severe at times as to cause the loss of externally sponsored sailing events. Although we have no short-term solution to counter the natural processes involved, we hope to

explore the longer-term interventions and options that might be possible through our externally funded Shoreline Management Planning efforts that will get underway later this year.

I am also working other Portfolio Holders in seeking Town Council involvement in revising the terms of reference of the Hunstanton Green Joint Management Committee to reconcile them with the other consultative bodies in the area and so simplify, improve and harmonise the interactions and performance.

Continued improvement to the capacity, durability and location of waste bins on the promenade to help visitors to get rid of their litter responsibly, is improving performance. Unfortunately, this seems to have offended those focussed on their aesthetic impact against historic criteria. We will continue to explore options to provide Tourists and Visitors with the essential levels of expected waste management service and performance cost-effectively, whilst achieving this in an environmentally sensitive manner.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The latest inspections at the site of the long-burning Manor Farm conflagration indicate that the heat is now reducing to levels such that a detailed investigation of the land contamination implications can be initiated.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

WECMS Funding – Chief Executive
Joint Employee Consultative Committee
Radio Norfolk Interview on North Lynn & Bawsey Drain
KLFM Interviews
Hardwick Depot – Waste Collection
Portfolio Meeting on Hunstanton Issues
Mayor’s Community Awards
WECMS Stakeholder Forum
Council
Cabinet, Briefings, and Sifting Meetings
Cabinet/Officer Internal Funding Review
Portfolio Meeting on Marketing of Waste Collection campaigns
Electoral Review Workshop
HRA Monitoring, Mitigation & Green Infrastructure Panel, Pre-brief & Meeting
Briefing on Planning White Paper
R&D Panel
Portfolio Meetings on Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance
Portfolio Meetings on Community Services
Portfolio Meetings on Coastal Protection and Land Quality matters
Meeting - North Lynn Community Leaders & Representatives on Fly Tipping
Portfolio Meeting on future use of Food Waste Caddy Liners
Hunstanton Green Joint Management Committee
Hunstanton Town Council on HGJMC Terms of Reference

Annual Council & Mayor-making

Local Green Point Charity Presentation

Meeting- Hunstanton Town Council, Chamber of Trade and Sailing Club on Shoreline management and associated Portfolio matters.

Meetings Scheduled

East of Ouse, Pulver & Nar IDB

Annual Civic Service

Council

Norfolk Waste Partnership Board

ICT Development