

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**15 June 2017**

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES.**

For the period 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

As Leader of the Council I see a great variance in the things that I am involved in and this has been true over the last month, I attended KLFM on Local Radio day and had the privilege of reading the 10 o'clock morning news. Having a local radio station in West Norfolk is certainly a boost for local identity and a platform for local business to promote themselves, however Local Radio Day is about celebrating the importance of stations like KLFM to their areas and I was pleased to be involved.

Following the terror attack in Manchester the Mayor and I agreed that King's Lynn and West Norfolk should hold a vigil to show our support for the people of Manchester and those affected by this atrocity. It was a poignant and fitting ceremony and was well attended despite the threat of inclement weather. At the time of writing this report we are again seeing terror on our nation's streets, this time in London. Once again our thoughts go out to all involved or any way affected by these terrible acts. Flags on Council buildings being flown at half-mast.

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

##### **Corporate Finance Position**

At the time of writing the Financial Outturn for 2016/17 is being prepared for Cabinet. Our targets for cost reduction for 16/17 of £355,925 were exceeded by £146,795. For 2017/18 this target is £947,447, however just 2 months into this financial year and £837,590 has already been achieved. We must not be complacent however as future years require over £1.5m. Full details of this will be contained in the report to Cabinet.

##### **Cyber Attack**

As a result of recent Cyber Attack, publicised in the media, we had to take urgent action to protect our internal systems. As a precaution the CCG who operate within our building at Kings Court shut down their systems and we

sort to prevent any email with separate attachment going directly to recipients and being held within our safety filters until upgrade patches could be installed. This did have a knock on effect of Members not receiving agendas from some outside partners, however this was soon rectified. Whilst I must apologise to all of those affected the overall security of our systems is paramount.

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

In addition to my usual round of Cabinet and Portfolio Briefings I have also attended the following:

Members Workshop – Electoral Review

Cross Party Electoral Review Task Group

Official Opening of CAB Offices at Hanse House

Presentation of Community Award to Volunteers from Red Mount and South Gate.

Habitat and Green infrastructure Housing Growth Mitigation Panel

Special Cabinet (Boundary Review)

Meeting with West Acre Theatre – Ref Grant Funding

Climate Change Seminar – At Marriot's Warehouse

Board Meeting – Freebridge Community Housing.

Meeting with Police Superintendent

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

KLFM for Local Radio Day

Vigil to remember Manchester Terror Attack – Tower Gardens

To be attended at the time of writing

East of Ouse Internal Drainage Board

Downham Market SNAP Meeting.

New Anglia LEP – Economic Strategy Workshop