

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**21 September 2017**

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

For the period 27 July to 6 September 2017

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

Visits to the composting facilities at Marsham and Geenworld - King's Lynn, helped inform my scrutiny of the Norfolk Environment & Waste Syndicate performance at their AGM. This was a key step in helping us to scope out elements of the contracting arrangements for our future Waste & Recycling Contract. Cabinet has agreed our broad approach towards a multi-council collaborative procurement that will achieve economy of scale, whilst allowing tailoring of the requirement to meet individual implementation needs. This approach builds on our strong experience gained from the previous procurement.

The County wide campaign to increase the volume and quality of recycling has now been launched. Every household is receiving a pamphlet with detail of what can and can't be recycled, which will be reinforced with advertising in the press and on Television. Our expert team has already made over 5000 targeted house-to-house visits to help householders understand what they can do better: their involvement has mostly been received positively and seen as constructive. The National Green Points Team has largely completed its task and has signed up over 5700 participants. Overall, indications so far are that the recycling contamination trend is reducing, but, surprisingly, volumes are not yet increasing as expected.

We are strengthening our Brown Bin administration Team to deal with the ever growing sales demand.

At long last, the Manor Farm fire moderated sufficiently to allow our Land Quality assessors to gain access to collect samples from which to quantify the nature, extent and mobility of the residual contamination. The results will be briefed to the local Community Leaders over the coming weeks. Determination of the clean-up action is likely to be challenging both technically and financially.

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

Appointment of the Contractor who will undertake the preparation the Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan is imminent. The work includes extensive consultation on the options for protection of the Cliffs and

maintenance of the promenade and will be completed early in 2018.

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

Marsham Composting Facility - Aylsham  
Greenworld Composting Facility – King's Lynn  
NEWS AGM – Norwich  
Hunstanton Watersport & Heritage Garden Tour  
Regeneration & Development Panel (2)  
Council  
Cabinet and Associated Briefing and Sifting Meetings  
Bawsey PSPO Consultation Discussion  
Scrutiny Structure Task Group (2)  
Corporate Performance Panel  
Portfolio Review Meetings  
Waste & Recycling, CSNN, Flood Protection & Air/Land Quality  
Norfolk Coast Partnership  
East of Ouse, Polver and Nar IDB  
Environment & Community Panel

#### **Meetings Scheduled**

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group - London