

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**16 November 2017**

### **COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND HEALTH**

For the period 21 September 2017 to November 6th 2017

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

We have received funding of £81,500 from the LEADER programme which will fund 100% of the project costs. The funding will cover the costs of the WN Explorer Tourism Trails. Its aim is to encourage people to explore from Kings Lynn into the heart of the Fens and WN countryside. The project has 3 themes, to celebrate and promote many of our churches and religious sites, explore and link together sites which tell the changing history and the dramatically changing landscapes especially in the southern parts of our Borough and lastly highlight the opportunities for the countryside around the Great River Ouse exploring on foot, bike or using public transport. The funding will cover the costs of a Project Officer, development of a web-site and 2 mobile phone apps, promotional videos, digital marketing and distance way markers.

The West Norfolk Strategy group, which includes ourselves, Freebridge, College of West Anglia, QE Hospital, WN CCG and Community Action Norfolk are working together with Public Health to provide a course to train our frontline staff to improve employees knowledge of mental health conditions. This will enable the staff to identify situations where customers/clients may have a mental health issue and to use appropriate language to provide good customer service in these situations.

The Lynn Museum free admission period runs from October to the end of March. The free admission period is provided under the terms of the SLA between the Borough Council and Norfolk Museum Service, together with the curatorial advice, support and enquiry service for our collections including fine art and Civic Regalia. With support from the Borough Council the Lynn Museum has been open during the summer period on Sundays. A Sunday joint ticket was available for visitors to the Stories of Lynn to explore both the Customs House exhibition and the Lynn Museum.

We, the Borough Council have recently replaced and increased the furniture in Lynnsport Bar and Catering area, CCTV cameras have increased from 3 external ones to over 30 covering all areas at Lynnsport. The Sauna and Steam room has been upgraded and refurbished recently at St James' Pool as well as the toilets in the Reception area that are also provided as public

toilets. Lights at the Front of House and toilets at the Corn Exchange have been upgraded to LED. At Downham Leisure new tracking and dividing nets have been installed in the main hall, as well as the flooring maintained including toilet flooring replacement.

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

During this month we are working with the KL Rotary Club planting out 20,000 purple crocus bulbs at the 2 roundabouts on the Nar Ouse Way to promote their 'End Polio' campaign.

Recently a local bulb grower has planted over 45,000 tulip bulbs at the Hardwick roundabout.

The team of collections volunteers have completed the scanning and cataloguing of our collection of Walter Dexter drawings. Currently they are concentrating on topographical prints of Kings Lynn area. The teams work enhances and illustrates the museum catalogue available online through the Norfolk Museum Service's collections web-site. The volunteers meet every Wednesday morning in the NMS office at Queen Street throughout the year.

With support from the Fine Art, the V&A Purchase Grant and the Friends of the Museum, the Museum has purchased from America a painting by Henry Baines of the Cemetery Chapels at the Hardwick Road Cemetery. Later this year the painting will be placed in the Foyer exhibition case.

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

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive  
Chris Bamfield Exe Director Commercial Services  
Lorraine Gore Exe Director Finance Services  
Martin Chisholm Business Manager  
Chris Durham Grounds Maintenance Manager  
Ostap Paparega Tourism

Cabinet

KL & WN Area Museums Committee

Environment & Community Panel meeting

Norfolk Records Committee

Health & Wellbeing Board

LILY Presentation to NCC

Joint meeting with Alive Leisure & Alive Management

Norfolk Leaders meeting

WN Tourism AGM

WN Community Transport

KL Internal Drainage Board

KL Festival Board

Friends of The Walks

KL Horticultural Society

Institute of Historic Building Conservation AGM

Norfolk Arts Forum Conference & AGM Nov 22nd.

50th Anniversary WN&KL Archaeological Society Conference Nov 25th.