

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 November 2017

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG – LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES.

For the period 21 September 2017 to 6 November 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Financial Update

The latest budget monitoring report (September) shows a slight variance with an additional £4,000 being included for provision of I.T. link between Kings Court offices and the Town Hall. This link is required to facilitate more of our meetings happening at the Town Hall. Aside from this the Budget is still on course to deliver money going to reserves instead of taking from reserves as was initially planned.

Human Resources. / Staff Wellbeing

As is usual at this time of the year Staff were encouraged to have a Flu-jab. This year we have had over 120 staff have one already with a further 60 vouchers given out for having one elsewhere. This scheme has been in place since 2003 when 179 were given including sessions at Kings Court, the Depot and Lynnsport.

Last year 222 were given including NHS staff from the CCG based at Kings Court.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Retention of Business Rates Pilot Scheme.

All Norfolk Districts and County Council has agreed a scheme for a trial of Business Rates Retention for Next Year. The Scheme was originally submitted without a no detriment clause to the DCLG, however following an announcement from the LGA any such schemes will include a no detriment clause, meaning we cannot suffer financially if our area is included as a trial area.

Local Enterprise Partnerships

As Councillors will be aware we are a member of two Local Enterprise Partnerships, The Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough LEP and The

New Anglia LEP.

The Department for Communities and Local Government have recently issued a review of governance and transparency for LEPs, I welcome this as after all the LEPs are spending taxpayers money and it is important this is done in an open and transparent way. I include a link below for those that that may find it of interest.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/655188/Review_of_local_enterprise_partnership_governance_and_transparency.pdf

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

Water Management Alliance

Mayors Reception for Derek Harman on his retirement from Palm Paper

Kings Lynn Town Centre Partnership

Meeting with NCC Leadership on investment within West Norfolk

Downham Market SNAP meeting

Meeting with potential lottery providers

Mayors Business Awards 2018 Launch

Meeting with Labour Group Leadership

Corporate Performance Panel

Environment and Community Panel

Liaison Meeting with Downham Market Town Council

Liaison Meeting with Hunstanton Town Council

Kings Lynn area Consultative Committee

Kings Lynn IDB Plant and Works Committee

Various Meetings for Freebridge Housing

Mayors Reception to mark 25th anniversary of the electrification of the railway

Wisbech Access Strategy Consultation Briefing

Meeting with Chairman of New Anglia LEP.

Briefing with Local Superintendent on future of Policing in West Norfolk