

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 21 September to 6 November 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

King's Lynn Waterfront Regeneration

Following Full Council endorsement in September, an investment prospectus has been produced for the £120m flagship King's Lynn Waterfront Regeneration scheme, which has been named Nelson Quay, in celebration of the great British naval hero born in the area and the town's maritime heritage.

Nelson Quay has been launched at MIPIM UK on 18 October, the largest property development and investment event in the UK, as part of New Anglia LEP's Invest East Prospectus.

Following a rigorous two-stage appraisal process undertaken by the Department for International Trade (DIT), Nelson Quay has been included in the DIT's UK Capital Investment portfolio, which was launched at MIPIM as well. The portfolio will now be promoted to overseas investors.

A bid for £225,000 from the Norfolk Business Rates Pool was approved in October and will fund a package of enabling work to test and further develop the Nelson Quay scheme. This will include studies and surveys required to meet requirements of statutory consultees, feasibility of pontoon expansion and assessment of traffic, access and car parking. In addition to the Pool funding, Cabinet has approved up to £250,000 towards the overall costs of this work.

Nar Ouse Business Park Enterprise Zone

A professional team has been appointed following a competitive tender exercise to update the masterplan and design the infrastructure and first four units to go on the site.

Agreement has been reached with the National Grid for the re-routing of the main gas pipeline, which is scheduled for completion in autumn 2018. This will then enable the delivery of the remaining infrastructure works, including access roads, utilities and superfast broadband.

A development prospectus has been prepared for the site and launched at MIPIM UK.

The site features in the New Anglia Invest East Prospectus and is being promoted to UK investors.

A bid for £266,192 from the Norfolk Business Rates Pool was approved in October. The funding will contribute towards the costs of undertaking detailed design, planning and procurement of a contractor for the first phase of premises development on the Nar Ouse Business Park in King's Lynn. The proposal will 'de-risk' and 'unlock' this employment site for potential businesses and developers and secure the optimum site layout.

King's Lynn Transport Strategy

A bid for £150,000 from the Norfolk Business Rates Pool was approved in October towards the costs of preparing a transport strategy and implementation plan for King's Lynn.

The transportation strategy and implementation plan will set out interventions that will assist in the town accommodating an increased travel demand from housing and employment growth; and how this housing and economic growth might be stimulated and accelerated by creation of the right transport networks.

The project will identify issues and opportunities in the town to be addressed and taken forward in a coordinated manner. It will analyse existing, and predicted future, problems and opportunities, and identify how best to tackle the issues and realise the opportunities. It will model appropriate solutions at specific locations through a microsimulation traffic model.

Match funding - £75,000 from Norfolk County Council (confirmed)

Townscape Heritage

Cabinet approved the submission of a Stage 1 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for £1,400,000 under the Townscape Heritage programme. If approved, the project which will focus on the area within the gyratory system in King's Lynn town centre: Railway Road, Norfolk Street and Blackfriars Road. The deadline for submission is 8 December 2017.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

As the first house sales are completed at Marsh Lynn, I will be bringing forward a report evaluating the actual physical and financial progress of the Major Housing Scheme to date as compared to projections.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

24/9/17 – World Rivers day event at Lynnsport (attended by Cllr. Nockolds).
26/9/17 – portfolio meeting.
27/9/17 – joint portfolio meeting with Cllr. Blunt.
28/9/17 – tour of Marsh Lane and Lynnsport sites.
29/9/17 – Primary School Kwik Sticks hockey tournament – Lynnsport.
2/10/17 – update meeting with major contractor (Marsh Lane).
3/10/17 – Cabinet sifting
3/10/17 – R&D Panel
4/10/17 – Gayton PC
11/10/17 – Leziate PC
17/10/17 – 5-year land supply Planning Appeal at South Lynn Community Centre
17/10/17 – Cabinet
18/10/17 – THI Partnership Board
31/10/17 – Local Authority Housing Company
6/11/17 – Freebridge Chief Exec at Juniper House
6/11/17 – meeting Property Services manager & Exec Director Chris Bamfield
7/11/17 – Scrutiny Structures Task Group
7/11/17 – portfolio meeting
13/11/17 – Cabinet sifting
16/11/17 – presentation to Lord Lieutenant and others.