

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 16 November 2017 to 15 January 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

A long-term objective of the North Lynn clean-up campaign came to fruition with the successful prosecution of a Fly-Tipper caught in the act on CCTV of dumping a mattress. The total cost penalty to the culprit was nearly 100 times the cost of disposing of the mattress by using the Council's publicly available service. It is hoped that the wide Press coverage will encourage all potential Fly-Tippers to use the available services and prevent harm to our Communities and the Environment.

A further successful prosecution for persistent Anti-Social behaviour in the King's Lynn Bus Station resulted in a restraining injunction to protect the community. This was immediately broken by the culprit and led to a custodial sentence, but, it also received much needed positive publicity about the consequences of unacceptable public behaviour.

The Wash East Coast Management Strategy Stakeholder Group was briefed on the initial findings and work programme to prepare a Coastline Management Plan for the Hunstanton Cliffs (Unit A) and Promenade (Unit B). The findings from the previous phase of work were confirmed and further options proposed to provide engineered solutions to counter the coastal erosion processes. Down-selection and refinement of the preferred options will continue over coming weeks and will be communicated to the public through 'drop-in' sessions being organised in Hunstanton during February and March. The Snettisham Beach (Unit C) annual recycling work is currently being planned and will benefit from the robust Partnership Funding arrangements led by the Environment Agency and driven by the very successful, commercially led local Community Interest Company. This arrangement is now starting to be recognised by the Environment Agency as a National exemplar for the benefits of local cost-sharing arrangements.

The long-running Manor Farm fire has now almost burned itself out allowing the County Council and other Agencies to start to evaluate the residual materials and options for disposal action. The same well tested and proven multi-agency control and communication processes were also utilised for the recent waste material fire at Bawsey, where the smoke-plume caused much concern and inconvenience to the Leziate, Bawsey and adjacent communities.

It was a coincidence that in view of the recent National publicity on Air Pollution, our regular Air Quality Monitoring Report was published on the Council Website. The National statistics indicated that Norfolk had the lowest level of pollution, but, much needs to be done to reduce local hot-spots in King's Lynn.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The workload to support the multi-Council, multi-year Waste Collection contract procurement is now ramping up following the Contractor briefing in preparation for the issue of the Request for Tenders.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

The Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership internal planning
Cabinet and associated meetings
Corporate Performance Panel
ICT Training
Council
The MOD Employer Recognition Awards ceremony for East Anglia
Audit Committee
Environment & Community Panel
ICT Development
The Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group
Norfolk Coastal Partnership Stakeholder Group
Norfolk Waste Partnership Board
WECMS Stakeholder Forum – Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan
Portfolio meetings

Scheduled Meetings

East of Ouse, Nar & Polver IDB
KLFM Local Awards event
Portfolio meetings