

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 February 2018

COUNCILLOR I DEVEREUX - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 25 January to 12 February 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Following a progress review on the Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan by the Wash East Coast Management Strategy Stakeholder Group in December, efforts are now focussed on preparation for the public consultation phase. The Coastal Management Plan is funded jointly by the Borough Council and the Regional Flood & Coastal Committee and addresses the flood and coastal erosion risks to our iconic cliffs and the defences offered by the promenade to storm damage, flooding and climate change over the next century. This in depth study builds on past investigations, current best practice and the realities of recent experience. A key element of the way forward is seeking the views, experience and opinion of the local stakeholders and members of the community in addressing the short, medium and long term risks and solutions. It also includes an economic appraisal addressing the resources that could be required to engineer the most viable solutions and potential sources of funding. The interim report prepared by our contractor AECOM is now available on the Borough website on the Wash East Coastal Management Strategy page. The first public consultation will be held on 27 February in Hunstanton Town Hall.

We are in the process of agreeing the Memorandum of Association for the Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership, which brings together the interests, skills and resources of 21 local authorities, environmental interest groups and national agencies to address matters of mutual interest in and around the Wash. A recent example of one aspect of such work is the recently publicised report into the investigation of the poisoning of two dogs associated with natural marine phenomena at Cley beach and Felixtowe.

We have signed up to #GBSpringClean and have had interest from local community groups. This builds on the very successful event last year where several of our communities were applauded by the press!

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Following the Blue Planet II coverage of environmental pollution, global

reactions and the new Government Environmental Policy, we are starting to see a negative impact on the economics of waste recycling across the markets we serve. This will have to be taken into account as we develop our Waste Collection procurement solution.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Council

East of Ouse, Nar and Polver IDB

Portfolio Meetings

Scheduled:

Environment and Community Panel

Regeneration and Development Panel

Norfolk Waste Partnership Board – Business Planning

Portfolio meetings