

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**22 February 2018**

### **COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG – LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES**

For the period 25 January to 12 February 2018

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

##### **Construction Industry Training Board**

I together with Henry Bellingham MP, Elizabeth Truss MP and other local stakeholders had a discussion meeting with the CITB regarding their future plans for their site at Bircham Newton. Whilst their initial announcement of their future plans were presented in the press as already decided it was really positive to have formal negotiations with them on how and what of their West Norfolk operation could remain here. I was pleased that the meeting made some very positive progress and all parties have agreed to future liaison to do the best we all can for those employed at CITB.

##### **Staff Long Service Awards**

One of my favourite duties as leader is to attend the long service awards for our staff. 28 had completed 10 years of service during 2017, 5 had completed 20 years of service, 1 had done 30 years and 1 had completed a total of 40 years of service. A total of some 450 years from those involved and a fantastic commitment to West Norfolk.

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

##### **Business Investment in Kings Lynn**

During January I had an early discussion with an established business looking to expand and move some of their operation to West Norfolk. Whilst the detail behind this is of course commercially sensitive, I have given my offer of help to them and will advise council as soon as I am able, but early indications are looking favourable for this which could see the creation of over 100 new jobs.

##### **Norfolk Coast Partnership**

I attended an initial meeting with the Norfolk Coast partnership on the potential for creating a charitable trust. Part of the work undertaken by them has charitable outcomes, such as environmental improvement schemes and education about the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, however only a charity can obtain funding from certain bodies to deliver such outcomes,

which the current partnership as set up cannot.

I will of course advise Council if and when this exciting development comes to fruition as it could provide much needed investment to our Norfolk Coast AONB.

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

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

- CITB roundtable discussion
- Norfolk Coast Partnership
- Long service Awards
- Downham area SNAP
- Hunstanton Town Council - BC & HTC forum
- 3-Council Option Work Appraisal
- Freebridge Housing – various meetings