

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 22nd February 2018 to 3rd April 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Budget and Efficiency Savings

Following the setting of our 2018/19 budget in February our latest monitoring report figures for February 2018 shows our financial position better than budgeted for with additional money available to put to reserves. Initially we were expected to “break even” for 2017/18. Additional funding carried forward to 2018 will help with financial pressures we have in 18/19. Included in these sums will be a sum for Guild Hall emergency repairs needed ahead of any additional works being undertaken on this complex.

Boundary & Ward Review.

Today the details of the review of the Boundary Commission has been made available to us. The conclusions are broadly in line with their draft submission. However notable changes have been made to the Sandringham parish that moves from Woottons Ward to Dersingham, as was requested by the Parish Council. Each point raised by the consultation seems to have been addressed although most have been rejected and reasons given.

The next part of this process is that the commission will submit to Parliament for changes to be put in place. Following which new ward boundaries will be in place for the 2019 local elections.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Joint Working with Freebridge Community Housing

As part of our need to deliver more housing within West Norfolk we have had an initial meeting between the Borough Council Cabinet and Freebridge Board. It is hoped that following this initial meeting we can both work together on joint projects where we have adjacent land holdings.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

In addition to my usual round of cabinet and portfolio meetings I have also attended the following:

A47 Alliance launch of the Just Dual It Campaign
Association of Drainage Authorities – Great Ouse Branch AGM
Meeting with Mayor of Cambridgeshire Combined Authority
Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board
Meeting with Doctor Ahmed (Fairstead Surgery)
Meeting with Borough Apprentices
Meeting with Bidders for the Re-fit Scheme at Lynnsport
Commonwealth Flag Raising at Kings Court
Kings Lynn Town Centre Partnership
Norfolk Leaders Meeting
Planning Training Session
Hunstanton Town Council Liaison Meeting
Opening of new Facilities within Kings Court for the Department Of Work & Pensions
College of West Anglia Liaison Meeting
Norfolk Coast Partnership – Charity Meeting
Liaison Meeting between Freebridge Community Housing & Cabinet.