

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

14 June 2018

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG – LEADER OF THE COUNCIL & PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES

For the period April 2018 to 4th June 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Council Budget 17/18

The draft statement of accounts to 17/18 was posted online as required on the 31st May as is the latest requirement. This report shows a favourable outturn for last year and this will be reported to Cabinet at its June Meeting.

The Draft Statement of Accounts 2017/2018 can be found here

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20160/budgets_spending_and_performance/361/final_accounts

Visit of Housing Minister

Whilst not within my portfolio I was pleased to welcome Dominic Raab MP to Kings Lynn for a visit. The ability to demonstrate to him what we are doing as a council with regards to housing provision within West Norfolk together with the work of our partner Freebridge Community Housing, was one not to be missed. Input from our MP Sir Henry Bellingham was very much appreciated. Credit must go to our team for what was a smoothly run visit and the progress at Marsh Lane / Lynnsport, Nora and Hillington Square was really good to see.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Audit

Our External Auditors (Ernst & Young) will commence their annual inspection work next week. They attended Audit Committee including the training session which was very positive.

A47 Campaign

I chaired a meeting to look at progress of the campaign to see the A47 improved from the A1 right through to Great Yarmouth. This is in addition to the work of the A47 Alliance and concentrates on the part of the road in West Norfolk. There was a very positive outcome with strong support from Business and our Local MPs. It is intended that the Development portfolio will in future include Transport within its remit. This alteration will be proposed formally and dealt with by Cabinet / Council within the next cycle.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

Environment & Community Panel

Various meetings with Business Owners

RAF100 Parade and Freedom of The Borough for RAF Marham

KL Transport Planning Meeting

Annual Council & Mayor making

Visit by the Housing Minister Dominic Raab MP

Meeting with Local Police Commander

Freebridge Housing Board Meeting

Kings Lynn Town Centre Partnership

Liaison Meeting with Hunstanton Town Council & Councillors.

Training Session on General Data Protection Regulations

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board – Board Meeting

Corporate Performance Panel

A47 Duelling Campaign Meeting

Norfolk Leaders Meeting

Follow up Meeting with Kings Lynn B Power Station Representative

Meeting with Labour Group Leaders

Audit Committee

Meeting with Director of “Your Own Place”.