

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**19 July 2018**

**COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS  
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND CULTURE**

For the period 15 June to 9th July 2018

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

A new winter festival, which will be created by Collusion on behalf of the Borough Council, has received funding from the Arts Council England amounting to £49,000 together with partnership funding from KL Business Improvement District, NCC, GCGP LEP and the Borough Council which together amounts to £97,000. The festival will be created in Kings Lynn, from mid November to mid January. The artists will explore the towns heritage in contemporary ways combining live performance, augmented reality and includes up to 6 light projections. People will be able to interact with the shows live and online using mobile technology.

Lynn Museum is to benefit from a share of £745,500 of new funding. Norfolk Museums Service has been awarded the money through the Heritage Lottery Fund, 'Kick The Dust' programme. The Museums service will work in partnership with YMCA Norfolk, Norfolk Library Service, Great Yarmouth and Lynn Museum. The Borough Council has contributed towards this project. The project, named 'Norfolk Journeys' is to encourage young people to develop their own pathways into Norfolk's heritage. The project will work with 8,000 11 to 25-year olds during the next 4 years.

As part of the funding from HLF for 'Stories of Lynn', an element of the funding included digitalization of the archives. Norfolk Record Office and our Trainee Archivist are progressing with this element of the project. This will include an Access to Archives cataloguing system which our digitized images will be linked to on a specific web-site. A tailored version of Zooniverse crowdsourcing platform will be developed to enable transcription of the Charters by individuals/volunteers either whilst onsite or remotely via the web site. The transcriptions will be confirmed as being correct by an archivist before being attached to the image on the web-site. Amongst the items which will be digitized are Royal Charters, 15th-19th century Hall Books, Land & Window Tax Commissioners minutes and the 16th-17th century Guildhall Court books.

After an initial 12 week pilot scheme at Norfolk & Norwich hospital which identified a way to reduce delayed transfer of patients to their home the Borough Council are now working with the QE hospital to improve the

discharge of patients. The scheme has been agreed for one year during which 2 Housing Officers will be based at the QE hospital. They will be working with the integrated hospital discharge hub. At the point of admission if the discharge co-ordinator identifies patients who may have an issue which would delay their discharge, with the patient's admission, they will be referred to our housing officers. Our housing team will be able to offer support to those who are homeless and make referrals to the Care & Repair service to provide home adaptations, equipment such as Careline.

The 12 week pilot scheme halved the average length of stay in Geriatric medical wards and saved 203 bed days over 11 weeks.

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

The Annual Allotment Challenge judging has taken place with 18 entries together with 5 Association sites. The Presentation will take place with The Mayor on July 30th.

Downham Mkt, Hunstanton. Kings Lynn and South Wootton are being judged by Anglia In Bloom judges during July. Businesses, schools, community groups, individuals and our Grounds Maintenance staff have all worked to a good quality high standard to what is expected in West Norfolk. Comments on Social Media from visitors and residents are all very positive.

At the end of June 'The West Norfolk Wins' lottery had its first jackpot lottery winner of £25,000. This is only the second time the jackpot has been won from a Council lottery run by Gatherwell. The £1 lottery ticket is distributed as follows; 50% will go to specific nominated good causes, 10% distributed by the Council through the financial assistance scheme, 20% to prize fund, 17% to the external lottery Management company and 3% to VAT.

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

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive

Chris Bamfield Exe Director of Commercial Services

Lorraine Gore Exe Director Financial Services

Ostap Paparega Regeneration & Heritage Dev. Manager

Claire Thompsett KL Area Grounds Manager

Martin Chisholm Business Manager

Roger Partridge Activity Co-Coordinator-Heritage Gardens Hunstanton

Racheal Williams Stories of Lynn Engagement Officer

Luke Shackell KL Trainee Archivist

Cabinet

Alive Management

Health & Wellbeing Board

Improving Discharge Launch at QE

KL & WN Cultural Board

Local Cultural Education Partnership

KL Transport Plan  
KLACC  
GEAR 10K Review meeting  
Creative Industry Feasibility Study Interviews.  
LGA Conference  
Allotment Judging  
St Margaret's Trust  
Internal Drainage Board