

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 July 2018

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For the period 15 June to 9 July 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

LGA Conference.

I attended the full LGA conference, this year in Birmingham. The conference included a number of plenary sessions, including addresses from The Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire MP and the Under Secretary of State for Local Government Rishi Sunak MP. Both acknowledged that Local Government had delivered in relation to cost efficiencies over the last few years, and both acknowledged that the pressures of Adult Social Care had to be looked at. Questions from the audience did focus on this and also that the pressure of Children's services and the cost burden was hitting upper tier and unitary authorities. The conference was given absolute assurance that forced reorganisation was not on the agenda at present and would only be considered where there was a complete consensus.

At the conference the LGA launched "Moving the Conversation on" a document outlining the work of Local Government and a case for long term funding investment from Central Government.

Details are available at www.local.gov.uk/moving-the-conversation-on

Budget Monitoring

The first budget monitoring report for 2018/19 (May) has just been circulated to members. This report showed a favourable variance of £70,340 with this amount going to general fund balances, that we continue to increase towards 2019/2020.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Refit Scheme

During June tenderers were met and tenders appraised for those bidding to provide us with environmental and financial savings across our estate. This process will be evaluated and will result in a Cabinet agenda item on how we

can proceed and likely savings to be made.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

KLACC

Visit to Broad Street - Scheme for emergency accommodation.

West Norfolk Housing Company

West Norfolk Property Ltd.

Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony

Alive Management - Directors Board meeting

Meeting with Downham Market Town Council – ref Jubilee Community Centre

Water Management Alliance

LGA Annual Conference 2018

Funeral of the late Cllr Cliff Jordan

To be attended at the time of writing:

Hunstanton Liaison Meeting

Launch of Time Machine Kings Lynn

Meeting ref future for Fairstead Surgery

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

AONB – National Conference (Kent)