

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**6 September 2018**

### **COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period 19 July to 28 August

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

The recently published National annual waste performance data showed that in the last year BCKLWN increased the proportion of household waste diverted for recycling and composting from 45.66% to 46.4%. We were the only council in Norfolk to improve such performance in the year, which was due to our garden & food waste policies and the collection of an additional 2300 tonnes of garden waste. Our Team is to be congratulated on these improvements which buck the national trend!

Brown bin sales have now reached 28121 and the fifth garden waste collection vehicle has been deployed and is collecting bins.

New litter bins are being installed in Hunstanton as the additional enabling work is being completed and will be followed by a new bin installation at Heacham.

The procurement process for the future waste collection contract is gaining pace, with the key control documents being reviewed by an independent legal team to ensure that all significant risks and essential requirements are addressed. Broad agreement has been reached with our Partner Councils on individual and joint costs to reflect their specific requirements, workshares and deliverables over the contract lifecycle. This will enable firm annual budgets to be set for each Authority from contract initiation.

In conjunction with others, our CSNN team were actively involved in managing the environmental sound impact of the Houghton Festival to minimise the effect on the local community – a significant issue in previous years. They were able to reduce the number of noise complaints to 17.

Efforts continue to pursue fly tipping prosecutions.

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

Activity will increase across all areas as memories of the long, hot summer recedes!

Following my nomination by Council to the Alive Leisure Trust, I completed their request for information as a suitable candidate and await induction with formal appointment expected at the forthcoming Board on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

It is already apparent that my appointment as the Environment Agency Coastal Member for the Anglian (Central) Regional Flood and Coastal Committee will provide valuable insight to inform the Borough plans to deliver The Wash and East Coast Management Strategy and the plans of those Internal Drainage Boards with responsibility for tidal waters.

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

A(C)RFCC  
E&C  
Cabinet Sifting and Cabinet  
Scheduled  
Single use Plastics Working Group  
E&C  
Council