

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

6 September 2018

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For the period 19 July to 28 August 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Local Enterprise Partnerships.

The Government has issued guidance on the future of Local Enterprise Partnerships, how they are governed and their membership. As we are currently in two LEPs we will have to make a choice going forward as no areas are going to be allowed to be in two. Our choice will be between the New Anglia and the newly formed LEP that sits as part of the Combined Authority in Cambridgeshire. This would mean consideration of joining the combined authority as an associate member with non-voting rights.

Both parties seem keen to want West Norfolk to be involved, government has also indicated that LEPs will need to be self-funding.

We will have to make our decision known to the LEPs so they can submit their business case to Government.

AONB National Conference 2018

As chairman of the Norfolk Coast Partnership I attended the annual conference for AONB partnerships. There was a number of plenary sessions that looked at the future of AONBs and whether or not they became National Parks. The main difference is the status of planning consultation and the governance surrounding the management of an area. There was a general support for increased weight to be given to planning opinion from AONBs however creating a full separate planning authority seemed to be a step too far for some. If there are any further developments, I will advise Council as and when this happens.

Budget Position.

The latest budget monitoring report showed no variance from expected budget position, with no additional savings identified. I will of course advise council of any changes as required.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Nothing to report on this month.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

West Norfolk Housing Company – Board Meeting
AONB National Conference – Kent.
E&C Panel
Meeting with Chairman and Chief Executive NALEP
Custom and Self Build Task Group
Meeting with Labour Group Leaders