

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

18 October 2018

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX-CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 6 September to 8 October

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Our Air Quality Annual Status Report 2018 was completed and now approved by DEFRA. There was a general downward trend in NO₂ (Nitrous Oxide), despite one reported exceedance of the air quality standard at Railway Road within one of our designated Air Quality Management Areas. There were no exceedances of the PM₁₀ (particulate) annual mean objectives. The results confirm the effectiveness of our management arrangements and will contribute to the ongoing Kings Lynn Transportation Study and Strategy.

As previously declared in response to Community concerns, I raised the issue of Fly-Tipping at the recent Norfolk Waste Partnership Board and found much support from other Waste Collection Authorities. However, the evidence was that they too had experienced year-on-year reductions in Fly-Tipping since the introduction of the new charges at the NCC run Home Waste Recycling Centres. Nonetheless, it was also agreed that the levels were too high and causing over £1m of potentially avoidable cost to Councils across the County. The agreed outcome was for development of a new Enforcement based campaign in conjunction with other stakeholders including the Environment Agency, Police, Landowners and the Judiciary. I will keep Members informed as the programme develops.

Recent press coverage indicates that despite the continued proactive North Lynn, Loke Road community efforts to reduce fly-tipping and illegal waste dumping on their private property, new incidents are occurring in the George Street area. Our Council Teams are continuing their efforts to identify the perpetrators and provide equipment and support to local communities as requested.

I have reviewed the Contract provisions for the ongoing Waste Procurement and commented to the Team.

Following questions raised at the Single Use Plastics Working Group and in recent Council, it is to be noted that the matter will feature in forthcoming Government Consultations and their 2019 Legislative Programme. I will keep Members briefed on the opportunities as the programme timetable develops.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Signing of the Partnership Agreement between the North Norfolk, Breckland and KL&WN Councils for the new Waste Contract is expected in October.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Council

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Alive Leisure Trust Interview, AGM and Board Meeting

R&D at Hunstanton

Cabinet and Briefings

Waste Recycling Road Show in Hunstanton

Norfolk Waste Partnership Board at Breckland DC

Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee at Denver Sluice

ICT Development

Scheduled

East of Ouse, Nar and Polver Internal Drainage Board

Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee at Brampton

Norfolk Coastal Partnership Core Management Group at Sculthorpe

E&C