

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 6 September to ...

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Members may recall that in order to develop the Enterprise Zone site on the Nar Ouse Regeneration Area that a high pressure gas main had to be diverted. The picture below shows the new pipe connected to the existing pipe adjacent to the cemetery to the north of the site. To date the project has gone to programme and is due to be completed sometime in November 2018.



On Wednesday 3rd October, I spent the day visiting the development sites that are being developed as part of the Major Housing Scheme. This had been organised by Dale Gagen, the Council's Corporate Project Manager and we were accompanied by representatives of Lovells, our private sector partners in the shape of the Regional Managing Director and Regional Operations Director. Sites visited as follows:

- Marsh Lane – this 130 home site is progressing well and the eastern end around the orchard is nearing completion with many homes now sold and occupied and a real sense of community beginning to emerge. The main access road through the site will soon be open to traffic which will see the northern and southern sections of Marsh Lane come together as one through route as was always intended.
- Dewside (Lynnport 4 & 5 along Green Park Avenue) has seen show homes opened in the last few weeks and early sales enquiries are encouraging. This 89 home site offers a more contemporary design and is well placed for the open green spaces and facilities of Lynnport.
- NORA phase 3 – this 50 homes site, 2, 3 and 4 bed homes with a handful of 5 beds of which 42 are open market and 8 rented and shared ownership is due for completion in spring 2019. The completion of this last phase of the original NORA site sees a changed landscape from run down waste land to pleasant riverside neighbourhood.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Work has started on the NORA 4 site to enable future development of 95 modular homes. The near 7 acre site is currently being decontaminated which requires the whole site to be dug down to some 3 metres, all soil/subsoil put through a crusher to sort and enable removal of steel and concrete from old shed bases, piles etc. Most soil is then replaced on site and during late stages of development will be covered with geotextile membrane and covered over with a metre or so of clean soil brought onto site. The largest pieces of concrete (some 3 metres thick in places) are being removed and tipped separately for crushing at a later date using a larger crusher. All crushed concrete, (a few thousand tonnes of it), will be re-used on site for road bases etc. Such remediation is of course expensive, and a discount was negotiated from the purchase price of the land for this very reason with circa £840K in the budget to remediate this site. In addition, this is one of the developments that will benefit from Accelerated Construction Programme monies, which on this site is worth circa £1.2 million.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

10/9/18 – Portfolio briefing
 10/9/18 – Corporate Performance Panel
 11/9/18 – Hunstanton Southern Seafront Project Board
 11/9/18 – Wayne Hemingway walk around Hunstanton
 11/9/18 – Regeneration & Development Panel
 18/9/18 – Special Cabinet
 19/9/18 – meeting with leaseholders of Princess Theatre, Hunstanton.

21/9/18 – meeting with NWES Chief Exec
21/9/18 – meeting with Leader of the Council
2/10/18 – Cabinet (apologies given)
3/10/18 – Major Housing Scheme site visits
11/10/18 – Environment & Community Panel
15/10/18 – portfolio briefing
17/10/18 – Special Cabinet