

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 November 2018

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX-CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 9 October to 15 November 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The work of the “Habitat Regulations Assessment, Monitoring, Mitigation and Green Infrastructure Panel” (HRAMMGI) has progressed over the summer. The systems, processes and criteria for potential projects that help to offset the ecological impact of new Housing developments across the Borough were defined and the first call for projects completed. We are now finalising negotiations on the first tranche of project proposals, most of which will start early in the New Year. Applicants include the National Trust, Natural England, Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership. The projects encompass a broad range of topics across our key sites of National and International scientific importance. The work is being closely coordinated with the Norfolk Coastal Partnership, the Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership and Norfolk County Council. I will ensure Members are briefed on the suite of projects once the contractual arrangements have been completed.

Despite our publicity campaigns and face-to face interactions with communities on waste collection, recycling and recyclables, we have failed to achieve the required levels of contamination-free waste. As a consequence we encouraged our contractor to increase their checking process as they handle the Green Bins. This has highlighted a high proportion of bins with non-recyclables, particularly the use of black or white plastic bags to contain other items. This leads to rejection at the Recycling Facility because such bags often contain unacceptable materials such as food waste, nappies and other hazardous materials. So it is important that we all follow the simple mantra of “**Clean, Dry and Loose**” when we fill our Green bins! Unfortunately, some of the “Red Tags” attached to some contaminated bins to notify those responsible that the bin contents were unacceptable for collection, were of an obsolete 2014 design with superseded recycling instructions. This error was corrected within three days, however, I apologise for any confusion this may have caused.

We received a visit from the Environment Agency Anglian Coastal Monitoring Team to brief us on the nature, scope and scale of their programme of terrestrial, marine and airborne measurements of the coastline, wave dynamics and sedimentation and their subsequent mapping processes. These regular outputs will quantify trends and provide vital evidence to support our Flood Prevention and Coastal Erosion investigations and the evolution of our Coastal Management Plans for the Hunstanton Cliffs and Promenade.

I was formally appointed as a Trustee and Director of the Alive Leisure Trust.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Signing of the Partnership Agreement between the North Norfolk District, Brecklands District and KL&WN Borough Councils for the new Joint Waste Collection Contract is planned for 23 November.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

East of Ouse, Nar and Polver Internal Drainage Board
Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee at Brampton
Special E&C
Norfolk Coastal Partnership Core Management Group at Morston Quay
E&C
Cabinet & Special Cabinet Meetings and Briefings
Portfolio Meetings (Waste collection, Coastal Planning)
R&D
Single Use Plastics Informal Working Group
Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership Board
Meeting with the EA Anglian Coastal Monitoring Programme Team.
HRAMMGI Planning Meeting

Scheduled

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