

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period to 20 November 2018

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Home Choice

For the month of October there were 1100 live applications

194 high
329 medium
577 low

35 housed

Warm Homes Funding

Broadland District Council led a Norfolk wide bid for £3.1m of funding from the Warm Homes Fund. This was funding to predominantly install first time central heating systems into domestic premises across Norfolk. BCKLWN have been part of the project from inception and are now making referrals via Housing Standards and Care & Repair on behalf of West Norfolk residents. The scheme also offers landlords a 75% grant towards first time central heating systems in private rented properties.

Night Shelter opens its doors

The Night Shelter opened as planned on the 1st of November. Now operating as a registered charity the initiative operated for the first time least winter having been formed by a local 'Churches Together' group. The project last year opened for 2 nights a week – this year it is running 7 nights a week. It exists to give a safe and secure shelter for people who would otherwise be facing the prospect of rough sleeping over the winter months. The charity employs a manager and co-ordinators but also relies on volunteers.

For further information visit the King's Lynn Churches Together Night Shelter web page: <http://www.churchestogetherkingslynn.com/night-shelter/>
If you're concerned for someone sleeping rough, or are sleeping rough yourself, call Streetlink on 0300 500 0914 or visit www.streetlink.org.uk
Custom and Self-Build

Work has been completed on drafting a strategy that will come forward to Cabinet / Council. The plan builds upon a two day challenge session with the National Association of Custom and Self Build task force. Further promotion/ awareness activities are planned along with some policy modifications. A demand assessment has been commissioned – the findings of which we will have in the next few weeks. The opportunities afforded by Custom and Self-Build were highlighted in a report the Council contributed to the KL Magazine 'Home Design and Build' publication (October 2018).

2 Meetings Attended

Cabinet
Special Cabinet
Portfolio Meetings
Meetings with Officers
Housing Company Meeting
E & C Meeting