

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 February 2019

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

For the period 25 January to 12 February 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Long Service Awards

As in previous years I attended the awards for staff long service, this year 38 staff, between them, have served the council for a total of 620 years. Staff were presented with certificates at a special ceremony at the Town Hall on 30th January by the Mayor.

This year 20 awards for 10 years' service, 12 awards for 20 years' service and 6 awards for 30 years' service were presented.

Gender Pay Gap

As is now required by law, our report to Government has now been uploaded to the Government's web site advising of our gender pay gap position. As with previous years there is little differential worthy of note.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Meeting with Internal Drainage Boards.

Over the last month I have had meetings with senior officials of the drainage boards within our area. As members will appreciate precepts paid to drainage boards account for over £58.00 per year out of our requested Council Tax. Whilst IDBs are free to raise their precept as they require the impact of this could in fact cause a referendum on this council if precept requests from IDBs were increased. Fortunately this year most boards have shown restraint, however a move to include drainage amounts as a separate item on people's council tax bill is still being explored.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

Meetings with Water Management Alliance, Ely Group of Drainage Boards

and Middle Level Commissioners – Regarding Levy payments.
Kings Lynn Town Centre Partnership & Business Rate Payers Meeting
Meetings with NCC Officers & Cttee. Chairman on Transport Plan.
Meeting with CITB on their Plans ref Bircham.
West Norfolk Housing Company – Project Board
Meeting with MPs, Mayor and Cambridge and Rail Company / Network Rail
Hunstanton Town Council Liaison Meeting
Norfolk Leaders Meeting
Staff Long Service Awards.

Meetings to be attended at time of writing include;
Official Opening of the Mart
Norfolk Coast Partnership – Trust Meeting
Protected Landscapes Review Panel – (As Chair of Norfolk Coast partnership)