

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

11 April 2019

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 11 February to 28 March 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Clinical Sharps. The transfer date of the responsibility for the collection of clinical sharps to our Borough Council is still under consideration by the NHS and could now slip to mid-year. Once the date has been agreed we will communicate with all service users outlining the change in collections and offering reassurance that the new arrangements will meet their needs.

I supported the County-wide **SCRAP Fly-Tipping** campaign **Road Show** that came to Conduit St, King's Lynn on Saturday 23rd March. Manned by our CSNN Staff and a County Waste Officer, it attracted much interest, as have the SCRAP Posters put up in our local bus-shelters!

Despite some public perception to the contrary, a direct comparison with last year, shows 63 fewer fly tipping incidents in the Borough so far this year: a 4.5% reduction.

The campaign provides guidance on how we can each play our part to prevent fly-tipping by using only authorised waste carriers to take our waste away. Use the SCRAP code on our Website, summarised as follows:

SSUSPECT all waste carriers until you know they are legitimate
CCHECK your waste carrier Registration by phoning 03708 506506
REFUSE unexpected offers from non-registered waste carriers
ASK what will happen to your rubbish and the disposal route
PPAPERWORK should be obtained: eg invoice, waste transfer note.

I am working with local Ward Members to address complaints of rubbish dumping in private back-alleys in North Lynn, and exploring cost-effective approaches for resolution with the CSNN Team.

Joint Waste Collection Procurement. Following a short delay with ESPO, the National Procurement Agency, the Tendering process was announced to the Industry on 19 March. The planned completion dates will be maintained.

Our Waste Management and Clean-Up Teams have worked hard to provide support to our communities to help them clear litter and improve their local streets, using funds just granted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as part of their "**High Street Community Clean-Up**" programme.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

At the recent meeting of the Habitat Regulations Assessment, Monitoring, Mitigation and Green Infrastructure Panel, we heard that two of the projects we have helped fund are nearing completion, ready for roll out late spring. The first is a comprehensive recreational guide for the Wash and Norfolk Coast, showcasing our wildlife and habitats, and how to experience them whilst conserving them for posterity. This will be widely available in paper form through Tourist Information Centres and other public outlets as well as through a smart-device App. The second is an incident reporting system covering the same scope that will help to identify problems, damage and concerns about wildlife and habitats, so that rapid corrective action can be initiated by partner organisations. These will be formally launched in due course.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Single Use Plastics Informal Working Group (12 Feb)
Environment Agency – Flood Risk Management for the Fens (13 Feb)
Corporate Performance Panel (19 Feb)
Alive Leisure Trust Full Board (20 Feb)
Cabinet and associated Sifting and Briefing meetings
Council
HRAMMGI Panel (26 Feb)
Environment Agency – Attendance at FloodEx19 (28 Feb)
LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (1 Mar)
Environment & Community Panel (5 Mar)
Minister for Local Government Visit (7 Mar)
Alive Leisure Trust Board- Business Continuity Group Meeting (11 Mar)
Audit Committee (11 Mar)
Joint Employee Committee (14 Mar)
Norfolk Waste Partnership Board (19 Mar)
Portfolio Meetings on Waste Management, Coastal Planning & Community Safety and Neighbourhood Nuisance
Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership Board (21 Mar)
Launch of SCRAP Fly Tipping Campaign in King' Lynn (23 Mar)
Special Council (26 Mar)
Alive Leisure Trust Full Board (27 Mar)

Scheduled

Environment Agency Eastern Coastal Group (29 Mar)
Environment Agency Integrated River Catchment Area Study Day (2 Apr)
E&C (2 Apr)
Norfolk Coastal Partnership Management Meeting (8 Apr)
R&D (9 Apr)
Anglian (Central) Regional Flood & Coastal Committee (11 Apr)