

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

11 April 2019

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For the period 21 February to 1 April 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

As members will be aware, the Council has in place an ambitious programme of house building on difficult sites that are undeliverable via the private sector. As well as building some 320 properties to date, major improvements to infrastructure have been made including a new road, new and improved play areas, parking improvement and significant upgrades to sports facilities.

Sales at the Marsh Lane site (now named Orchard Place to reflect its historic use and the preserved orchard), have been such that of the 130 properties, only 6 are yet to be released to the market, and only 5 completed homes remain unsold.

At Dewside (along Greenpark Avenue at Lynnsport), 7 homes are for sale, 34 are under construction and 35 properties of the 89 in total are either sold, exchanged, reserved or subject to early bird offers. 13 affordable homes are in the process of being sold to the Council's wholly owned not for profit company, West Norfolk Housing Company.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The success of the house building programme has led to the Council being a finalist at the UK Housing Awards 2019 in the Council of the Year category. The winners will not be known until after local Govt. elections so hopefully, either me or a colleague will be able to report in due course!

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

27-2-19 – HAZ Unlocking Brownfield Sites Informal Working Group.
6-3-19 – meeting with Corporate Projects Officer (re UK Housing Awards).

7-3-19 – visit of Under Secretary of State for Housing & Local Govt.
11-3-19 – UK Housing Award pitch with Lovells senior management and Corporate Projects Officer.
11-3-19 – Audit Committee
12-3-19 R&D Panel (last minute apologies given).
26-3-19 – Cabinet
26-3-19 – Special Council
2-4-19 – meeting with Chief Executive
3-4-19 – CPP Panel
9-3-19 – R&D Panel
10-3-19 – Leziate PC (the last one after 12 years as ward councillor).