

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

4 July 2019

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For the period 17 May to 4 July 2019

Progress on Portfolio Matters.

To date I have been familiarising myself with the current ongoing projects. With officers I am looking at the projects in the long and medium terms in context with sustainability issues as well as future opportunities within Kings Lynn and West Norfolk. Working with other members of the Cabinet as there are shared issues to be accounted for in the planning and development stages of any project.

Important issues for the town include our rail link to Cambridge, road links with Cambridge and Norwich. Improvements and developments for A149 to Hunstanton and the coast. Kings Lynn Transport Strategy. This work is progressing well, there should be some 'integrated' proposals for scrutiny to be presented by the Autumn.

Looking at other future projects, there seem to be a lot of exciting opportunities to be realised any development will go through the appropriate Panels. These will be looked at not only from the direct commercial viability but from the contribution towards the well-being of our community, in terms of sustainability, utility and aesthetics.

Hunstanton Southern Seafront Masterplan (HSSMP) –Hemingway Design are consultants working to produce the masterplan for us. There is a mix of options being considered and this could include a waterfront hotel. Consultants are also working (with Environmental Health officers) on a Coastal Management Plan, which includes the site for the HSSMP.

There are some housing opportunities in Hunstanton: these sites, considered as one site, are part of the Accelerated Construction Programme, (ACP) which is a central government initiative (through Homes England) to provide grant funding to help accelerate housing delivery, as part of the grant, modern methods of construction must be used. Bus Station / Library site in Hunstanton – The Bus Station is an identified ACP/ One Public Estate site, as NCC own the freehold of the library, the Borough own the rest of the site and we are working together on an integrated development.

[There are 7 ACP sites within this borough, 5 in KL and 2 in Hunstanton].
Car parking strategy is key and forms a major component relating to all projects.

Signage and wayfinding project – we have a grant from the Coastal Community Fund to deal with signage and wayfinding. Hemingway Design are involved with this; we are also looking to assist local traders with a weekend food event this summer.

HAZ

Interviews for the potential Architects for one of the areas were carried out on Friday 21st June, results are being analysed now.

Kings Lynn Transport Strategy. This work is progressing well, there should be some 'integrated' proposals for scrutiny to be presented by the Autumn.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Analysis of future opportunities in Kings Lynn to create a cohesive approach to the development and improvement of existing facilities for all within the town.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Attended

28 May Portfolio meeting

29 May Site visits KL

31 May Car Park proposals update

3 June HAZ project update

11 June R and D Panel

18 June Cabinet pre Meeting

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21 June Interview panel for appointment of Architectural Services for a HAZ project

24 June Portfolio meeting