

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

4 July 2019

COUNCILLOR BRIAN LONG - LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

For the period 17 May to 25 June 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

As this report is the start of a new council and new municipal year my activities have mainly revolved around forming a new corporate strategy for the council for the next four years based on our manifesto commitments laid out in our election literature. Interestingly this aligns well with much that had been asked for by new councillors attending induction training so I am hoping that by all working together we can really achieve many positive outcomes for the people of West Norfolk.

To achieve this the largest challenge over the next four years will be the financial stability of the organisation. It is my intention to achieve this by a mix of measures, but mainly in growing our income, without hitting the taxpayer unduly.

Schemes that will deliver a higher income return than monies currently sitting in banks, will be invested locally to produce higher income potential.

This follows on from investments already made that have delivered new homes, this will need to be expanded to include more homes for renting both commercially and socially. Investments in our corporate estate that have income potential will also be included.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Following mine and Cllr Deveraux's meeting with local representatives from Extinction Rebellion, I have asked that he prepare an Environmental state of the Council document, to show what we are already achieving. Following this it is my intention to hold further talks with interested bodies ahead of adopting a "Climate Emergency". It seemed to me only tokenism to declare an emergency without setting a baseline given something to work and learn from.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

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

Interview for Chief Operating Officer – Alive West Norfolk

Various Board and Committee Meetings with Freebridge Community Housing

New Anglia LEP Board Meeting

New Anglia Local Industrial Strategy Workshop

Kings Lynn Internal Drainage Board

Demonstration on De-silting the rivulet in The Walks By ADC.

Liaison Meeting with Hunstanton Town Council

Code Of Conduct Training Session

Meeting with Representatives from Extinction Rebellion – West Norfolk.

Great Ouse Branch Executive Meeting (Association of Drainage Authorities)

Meeting with Chair of Trustees – Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Norfolk Coast Partnership

Audit Committee

R&D Panel

CPP Panel

E&C Panel

To be attended at the time of writing:

LGA – Annual Conference (Local Government Association)

National Association of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty – Conference

Meeting with Armed Forces Commissioner – Armed Forces Covenant

Launch of New Exhibition at Trues Yard – House of History