

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**5 September 2019**

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CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE AND HEALTH**

For the period 5 July to August 26th 2019

### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

The LILY co-ordinator has planned a 'Volunteer Fair' event at the Discovery Centre on September 12th. Its aim is to encourage more residents to get involved in our community. Local charities who are looking to recruit volunteers have been invited to have stands. The Ask LILY web-site has a new subcategory in the 'Health & Wellbeing category named 'Cancer support'. This has been done in collaboration with the QE Hospital, Macmillan, Big C and the Cancer Services User. The LILY Directory will also be creating an easily searchable 'Christmas' section with local organisations providing information about their Christmas activities. There are 35 LILY advisors across the five voluntary organisations that are part of the LILY project. During the last three months there have been over 9,014 Users of the Directory, with almost 37,000 page views.

Due to the success of the District Direct West initiative, patients at the QE hospital are benefiting from faster discharge times. Our Council Housing team has helped over 100 patients to return home quickly, saving hospital bed days. The Housing team are located at the hospital working in wards and other departments to support staff in helping patients to return to their safe and secure home, or appropriate accommodation. LILY Advisors can visit patients at home after hospital discharge to support them to access community groups or advise them on other services which may help them through a period of readjustments.

The Tourism Trail, which is an on-line guide for holidays and focuses on designing holidays in this country, has recently organised a survey with over 2,100 respondents from which they identified the UK's favourite staycation destination for 2019. Norfolk was voted the 5th favourite destination in the whole of the UK, Cornwall was top of the league. There was some fantastic comments about Norfolk, big open skies, endless golden beaches, abundance of wildlife and plenty of pubs and fantastic food. The new 'Explore West Norfolk' mobile phone APP and web-site has been promoted on BBC Radio Norfolk.

With support from the Borough Council the Lynn Museum has been opened on Sunday afternoons during the summer months. A Sunday combined ticket

is available for the visitors to the Stories of Lynn and the Lynn Museum. The Lynn Museum is continuing to host a 12month Norfolk Museum Service Teaching Museum traineeship which is funded through the Arts Council England. The current Trainee is based at both the Lynn Museum and the Ancient House in Thetford.

Lynn Museum and Stories of Lynn are playing a significant part in the NMS 'Kick the Dust', Norfolk project. It is a 4 year project supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund with match-funding from the Borough Council. The project is aimed at young people aged 11-25 years with a specific focus on those who face barriers to participation in heritage and arts activities. The project aims to work with over 8,000 young people in Norfolk until June 2020. In King's Lynn it has established a regular Forum with 19 young people attending weekly. Working with COWA they are making a heritage film for the South Gate and will have the opportunity to gain accredited skills and training through the Arts Award programme.

The Barbican Guildhall, London have created a literature/poetry programme named 'Barbican Box' in our area to deliver a project which will be school based. They will work with up to 10 schools, these will be a combination of primary and secondary settings. Their aim is to strengthen their role as a cultural education provider within national arts, enhance access and participation for young people who have limited access to culture, develop and disseminate good models of professional Development for teachers and artists to innovate classroom practice, and to support local venues and infrastructures to deliver a sustainable cultural education offer in our area.

## **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

Recently the stakeholders of the Guildhall attended a visioning event with an aim of bringing together suggestions for the future of the Guildhall. The Borough Council has commissioned a firm to focus on developing an Expression of Interest for funding which will be submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

This years event of the Searles Soap Box Derby is being held on 22nd September. This year's event has a new and faster course giving competitors a longer steep hill to descend as they race towards the sea front. The limit of teams this year is 60 with just a few left remaining. It will have a carnival atmosphere. Something for all the family.

## **3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

Portfolio meetings ;

Ray Harding Chief Executive before retirement

Lorraine Gore Deputy Chief Executive and once appointed CE

Chris Bamfield Director of Commercial Services

Martin Chisholm Business Manager

Claire Thompsett Grounds and Open Space  
John Greenhalgh & STP Chairman Patricia Hewitt  
Rachael Williams, Stories of Lynn Learning & Engagement Officer  
Matthew Henry Property Services

Cabinet

Environment and Community Panel meeting

Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Area Museums Committee

LILY Board

Health & Wellbeing Board

Heritage Action Zone Board

Norfolk Records Committee

Joint Norfolk Museums Committee

WN Tourism Forum

PEACH-Local Cultural Education Partnership

West Norfolk Cultural Board

Expression of interest & Vision of Guildhall Stakeholders Consultation meeting

KL Festival Board

The Swan Project Downham Market