

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

17 October 2019

COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

For the period 6th September to 7th October 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The Waste Manager and I attended a performance of the “Mars/Wrigley-Bin-It!” educational tour at Springwood High. This interactive learning opportunity aimed at year 7 students, was focussed on helping them to understand the importance of disposing of litter responsibly and emphasising their personal responsibilities. The company was presenting it several times a day at different schools for a week across Norfolk. The event was well received by both Staff and Students and confirmed our evolving approach to increase the future thrust of ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycling’ waste campaigns to involve our schools towards improving our long-term waste collection performance.

On behalf of our Council, I signed the Courtauld 2025 Agreement committing us to making food and drink consumption more sustainable: our aim is to achieve a 20% reduction in food & drink waste and a 20% reduction in associated greenhouse gas emissions and water usage. This national scheme is led by WRAP, the government sponsored Waste and Resources Action Programme, and is endorsed by the Norfolk Waste Partnership.

Tactical planning and operational deployment of our Flood Defences across the Borough were once again successfully demonstrated during the high tides of 1st October. Fortunately, the wind strength and direction were significantly less than forecast such that no flooding occurred. Nonetheless, the risk assessments involved helped us to present the merits of our long-term flood defence proposals, plans and projects to the potential Funding Authority, the Anglian(Great Ouse)Regional Flood and Coastal Committee (A(GO)RFCC). As a consequence, the local Environment Agency and BCKLWN Flood Risk Management teams have jointly recommended that four projects, valued at over £400k over four years, should be undertaken in our Borough, subject to ratification at the 10 October meeting. The final draft of our Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan, outlining the scope and scale of the long-term work required, including climate change implications, was presented to the Wash East Coast Management Strategy-Stakeholder Forum on 3rd October.

Planning of our carbon footprint evaluation and assessment programme continues.

I was elected Chair of the new Governance task group on 4th September.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The new Joint Authority Waste Collection Procurement has required extended negotiations due to risk transfer and mitigation issues, with completion now expected towards the end of this year.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Launch of Norfolk Coast Partnership Dark Skies Festival
Cabinet Sifting
Governance Task Group
Corporate Performance Panel
Anglian(Great Ouse)Regional Flood & Coastal Committee-Local Choices
Cabinet Briefing
Mars/Wrigley Bin-it! Educational Event at Springwood High
Courtauld 2025 Declaration Signing
Portfolio Meetings
Cabinet
King's Lynn Internal Drainage Board
A(GO)RFCC Local Choices Meeting
Alive Leisure Trust – AGM & Board
Wash East Coast Management Strategy – Stakeholder Forum
Planning Committee Training
Environment Agency – East Anglian Coastal Group

Scheduled

Norfolk Waste Partnership Board – 15/10
E&C Panel – 15/10
Cabinet Briefing – 16/10
Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board – 17/10
Single Use Plastics – Informal Working Group – 17/10