

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

23 January 2020

### **COUNCILLOR IAN DEVEREUX- CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period 28 November 2019 to 13 January 2020

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

We await resolution of residual issues arising from the final stages of the Joint Waste Collection Contract procurement.

Senior Environment Agency Officers and their consultants, Jacobs Engineering and Royal Haskoning, conducted their 10 year review on the Shoreline Management Plan #4, which covers the Wash East Coast from Wolferton Creek to Hunstanton. Ours is one of 20 such plans, covering the coastline of England and Wales. We understand that the review outcome will confirm that our consequential action plans, prepared under the Wash East Coast Management Strategy, for the Snettisham Beach recycling programme and the proposed Hunstanton Coastal Management Plan for defence of the Cliffs, Beach and Promenade, remain valid for the next decade.

Our continued involvement with the Environment Agency Coastal Management Group and the Local Government Association Coastal Special Interest Group indicates an expectation that a deeper revision of the DEFRA and EA policies, strategies and technical requirements for Flooding and Coastal Erosion Risk Management work is gaining pace to address the rapidly evolving implications of climate change.

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

When it met in December, our multi-agency **Habitat Regulations Assessment Monitoring, Mitigation and Green Infrastructure Panel** agreed the timetable for the next call for proposals for projects to reduce the impact of increased population due to Housing Development and Tourism on our Internationally recognised 'Nature Reserves'. It was also agreed the recently completed project – "**The Wild Recreation Guide** – for the Wash and Norfolk coast" to help both locals and visitors **Enjoy, Respect and Protect** our coastal environment will be given a high profile formal launch in the Spring.

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

03/12/19 - Environment Agency – Fens Technical Group  
06/12/19 – Special Cabinet on The new Joint Waste Collection Contract  
11/12/19 – Habitat Regulations Assessment Monitoring, Mitigation and Green Infrastructure Panel  
12/12/19 – Review of Shoreline Management Plan 4 (Wash East Coast)  
16/12/19 – Cabinet sifting  
07/01/20 – Cabinet  
08/01/20 – Environment Agency – East Anglian Coastal Group  
09/01/20 – Local Government Association – Coastal Special Interest Group

#### Scheduled

13/01/20 – CPP  
14/01/20 – Training  
17/01/20 – King’s Lynn Internal Drainage Board  
20/01/20 – Cabinet Sifting  
21/01/20 – E&C  
22/01/20 – Training  
23/01/20 – Environment Agency – Anglian(Great Ouse)Regional Flood and Coastal Committee  
23/01/20 – Council