

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**27 February 2020**

### **COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE HERITAGE & HEALTH**

For the period 24th January to 25th February 2020

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

The District Discharge Team (our Housing staff), are adding benefits to the QE Hospital patients. The hospital has seen a reduction in delayed discharges, fewer re-admissions and have also alleviated the winter pressures.

The staff are helping patients with problems that may affect their return to home or accommodation, such as general housing queries, finding suitable accommodation, employment or financial problems or social isolation. The way these problems are being solved is through making their homes more accessible, either by installing grab rails, walk-in showers, ramps etc or assistive technology such as Careline, sensor lights and door sensors. Family members or friends of the patients are shown the web-site directory AskLILY.

The number of referrals from the medical staff to our housing team during the first 9 months of 2019 was 179. Of those, 65 were for improved access and adaptations and the majority were retired homeowners. The other referrals relate to support networks, housing status and housing quality.

To help Carers to be more informed of the support network in our Borough we are arranging a WN Carers Conference at Lynnsport on 18th March. Together with the Forget Me grant for people with dementia the Handy Person service have completed 599 jobs since last April 2019, an increase on 2018 which was 474. The reputation of our Care & Repair, Ask LILY and District Discharge teams has become well known.

The Lynn Museum continues to have free admission until the end of March 2020, which is provided under the terms of the SLA between the Council and Norfolk Museums Service, NMS. Many joint sessions for schools between Stories of Lynn and Lynn Museum are provided. The sessions include exploring the towns heritage, with particular focus on flooding, Frederick Savage and Captain Vancouver. These school sessions often use the archive collections. At a recent school session with the WW2 theme it involved children visiting the Air Raid shelter. The Seahenge and early history displays remain popular with schools. Visitor numbers have increased by 1,000 in 2019 compared to 2018.

The 'Kick the Dust' joint 4 year project supported by the NLHF matched funded by the Council and NMS is a significant project for young people in our

Borough. The project is targeted at 11-25yrs of age with specific focus on young people who face barriers to participation in heritage and arts activities. The activities are designed by young people and inspired by the vast collections and objects held in the Museum and Stories of Lynn. One of the 'Kick the Dust' projects include the establishment of a weekly Youth Forum. Another project which the young people have produced is the making of a DVD film of the Southgate. The young people have filmed the upstairs rooms showing the artefacts, with one member being the narrator. The DVD showing a virtual tour will be shown on an ipad during the summer opening hours of the Southgate for those who are unable to climb the staircase. The young people received professional assistance from COWA.

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

I will be attending the Royal Horticultural Society Britain In Bloom Seminar with Cllr. Bowyer as both Kings Lynn and Hunstanton has been invited to take part. We will be informed of the criteria of the judging route and the Portfolio.

During the next few months the Kings Lynn Borough Archives are organising events and Workshops for the public starting of with a family event of researching some colourful charters and colouring some of the images of the documents.

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

Portfolio meetings with;

Lorraine Gore Chief Executive  
Chris Bamfield Exe Director Commercialisation  
John Greenhalgh Assistant Director Community & Partnerships  
Martin Chisholm Assistant Director Operations & Commercial  
Duncan Hall Assistant Director Regen, Housing & Place  
Claire Thompsett Central Parks & Open Space Manager

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Judith Berry Ask LILY/Careline Community Service Manager  
Jo Russell District Discharge Co-ordinator  
Norfolk Community Foundation - Financial Assistance  
Attended Holocaust Service  
Britain In Bloom Conference  
Groundworks Gallery & Bug Life  
Opening of Wolferton Pumping Station  
Downham Market Town Council Forum

WN & KL Girls School Trust