

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**15 October 2020**

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CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE & HEALTH**

For the period 10 September to 15th October 2020

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

The Norfolk & Waveney CCG Local Delivery Group,(LDG), have recently met. The group have decided to research all possible data sources to identify the inequalities and the potential effect of the infection rates and deaths from COVID 19 in west Norfolk. This will include data which is held by Public Health at County Hall, BCKL&WN and NHSE as well as the views given by the public, through Healthwatch, our voluntary sector and other statutory bodies. Once the data has been obtained it should inform the LDG the types of inequalities west Norfolk has. An Action Plan will be formed and a work programme of manageable projects will emerge which hopefully will include small quick wins as well as longer term work to address complex issues and needs. Although infections per 100,000 population are low in west Norfolk the progress will depend on whether we move into a second phase, although it is planned to work with the plan whatever pace it can be managed within the set priorities.

Our Housing Staff are still working virtually with the medical staff at the QE Hospital, during Ward rounds, in contacting those patients who are in need of accommodation, or home improvements via our Care & Repair Team and or installation of the Care-Line before being discharged after their medical/surgical treatment. They also attend, virtually, the 'Discharge Committee'. Our LILY staff are involved in the Track & Tracing programme, particularly if Public Health are working with a local outbreak and at that time they will make contact.

Visit west Norfolk, with an extra new member of staff, will be integrating several new elements into the web-site and social media for 2 upcoming out of season autumn campaigns, including mirroring Visit East of England's branding, 'Unexplored England' called 'Autumn & Beyond'. The second out of season web-site content will be dedicated to sustainable tourism, including 'Cycling Norfolk', promotions and out of season wildlife, nature and outdoor activities. Together with Visit East of England we will be promoting digitally and encouraging visits and booking to our area for 2021 in late December. To monitor the overall impact of the COVID virus in the region, the impact of the summer season and training and skills development needs, Visit East of England are launching a tourism business survey later this month. The total of

viewers to the west norfolk web-site this year is 156,104, 64,000 of those was during July.

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

The Norfolk Museum Service, (NMS), staff in Kings Lynn are undertaking detailed planning work to facilitate safe re-opening of Lynn Museum. The Museum will open with pre-arranged appointments to the Friends of the Museum and those with a Museum pass on the 6th October. After which the Public will be able to visit. Lynn Museum will marking the bicentenary of Kings Lynn artist Thomas Baines with a special exhibition named, 'Art, Exploration and Empire'. The Museum has 5 oil paintings by Thomas Baines and a collection of drawings and watercolours. Lynn Museum continues to develop social media presence, links with the local press and its partnership with Google Cultural Institute which shows the history of our whaling industry..

The NMS and our Learning and Outreach Officer at the Stories of Lynn have continued working with the young people who are part of the 'Kick the Dust' Norfolk project. This project is funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and has continued to engage with young people throughout the lockdown period using digital means.

During the October schools half term holiday the Heritage Forum have organised a 'History Festival', it is a mixture of digital and physical events celebrating the history of the whole of west Norfolk. There will be crafts, talks, walks and seminars. At Stories of Lynn the activities will be around Nelson and celebrating Trafalgar Day, other places taking part, with different stories and activities are Trues Yard, Lynn Museum and St Nicholas Chapel as well as the Minster.

Also during half term until November 24th, Collusion, the Cambridge based arts & technology company, have arranged with an artist, Ben Sheppee, designed and created projected artworks across 5 heritage buildings. Named, Drawdown, and will consist of a series of 5 light projections exploring how the effects of climate change can be reversed.

Alive WN have opened the cinema, Covid secure, for public viewing, films are being shown from Tuesday through to Sunday, at 50% capacity. They have received many positive comments both from the public and the press. The film programme is very varied from Art House Films, Musicals to David Attenborough.

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

Virtual meetings via Zoom or Microsoft Teams or Face to Face meetings.

Portfolio Meetings with;

Lorraine Gore Chief Executive

Duncan Hall Assistant Director

John Greenhalgh Assistant Director

Martin Chisholm Assistant Director

Open Space Team Nathan Johnson, Chris Durham and Claire Thompsett  
Cabinet

Alive West Norfolk Board meeting and AGM

KL & WN Area Museums Committee

Norfolk Arts Forum

Towns Fund Board

West Norfolk Tourism Forum

Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant

Norfolk & Waveney CCG

District Councils H & WB Sub-Committee

CPP Panel

R&D Panel

WN Girls School Trust

KL Internal Drainage Board

Collusion

Downham Market Town Council Chairman & Clerk

Hunstanton Town Council Chairman & Clerk

West Norfolk History Festival Committee

Official Opening of the Corn Exchange Cinema