

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

3 December 2020

### **COUNCILLOR PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE CO2 REDUCTION, BIO DIVERSITY AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

For the period 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020

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

##### **Climate Change and CO2 reduction.**

I have had an excellent on line meeting with representatives from:- Klimate concern, Fenland and West Norfolk Friends of the Earth, Nature Volunteer Network, Greenpeace and Norfolk Wildlife Trust, The Climate Psychology Alliance, and Stop Ecocide.

We discussed a large range of issues including Tree planting, biodiversity, habitat preservation and CO2 reduction measures, from better home insulation to encouragement of Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV's).

I have agreed to hold regular meetings with these groups.

I have had several briefings from Officers to "bring me up to speed" with the excellent work the Borough Council is already working on (such as Tree planting and the re-fit program) to move forward our aim to become Net Zero.

I was delighted that the Prime Minister has brought forward the ending of Petrol and Diesel new vehicle sales to 2030. This will have a major impact on Air Quality throughout the Borough.

##### **Cremations and Burials**

I am very pleased to report that numbers have returned to "normal" levels.

##### **Gayton Road Cemetery.**

Feasibility studies are being carried out on other options for Cemetery provision in the King's Lynn area, I have no update on this as the officers dealing with this are currently working on Covid measures.

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

##### **Football club car parking**

I am pleased to report that this project is now out to Tender.

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

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Car parks, Crematorium and Cemeteries and IT.

Corporate performance panel

R&D Panel

E&C Panel

Cabinet Briefing

Conservancy Board.

IDB

Climate change meetings as detailed above.

**All of the above meetings held on line.**