

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

1 September 2022

### **COUNCILLOR PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

For the period July to September 2022

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

##### **Re:fit Work**

-Re:fit 3 works for Enterprise works has been agreed and will start soon. £136K has been allocated from the Climate Change Budget to match fund the successful PSDS grant bid supporting this project.

-The HLA for the next Re:fit phase is also underway and will likely be reported in September.

-Commercial solar power options are also being considered and will be presented along with the Refit HLA work.

Further meetings have taken place with the Energy Saving Trust, who are conducting a review of the Council Vehicle fleet, with a view to moving over to Electrically powered vehicles where possible. This will take place over several years as older vehicles become due for renewal

##### **EV Charging**

-Work has started with BP Pulse installing the 26 Fast EV charging points.

-Contracts are being agreed with BP Pulse to replace the 4 Rapid EV charging points at Hunstanton and King's Lynn.

**-LEVI funding bid through Norfolk County Council for additional EV charger points within the district was made in June to OZEV. We are waiting to hear if the bid was successful.**

- There are many factors in making the decision to go electric and access to charging facilities is one of them. Lack of off-street parking at home can pose a barrier but we are removing that by making nearby charging facilities available.
- This means it will be easier for people to make an environmentally-friendly choice when buying a vehicle and it will also benefit our visitors who arrive in electric vehicles.
- The borough council secured a grant of £195,000 from the government's Office for Zero Emission Vehicles (OZEV) and a further contribution of nearly

£90,000 from BP Pulse, as well as its own contribution of £73,500. The council has also spent a further £87,000 to install a substation at Austin Street to support the electricity supply and BP Pulse will cover the maintenance costs for 7 years.

- The chargers are fast 7kW chargers which are designed for overnight charging or for extended use. The electricity used will be paid for using an app.
- All will be installed in car parks owned by the council. Free parking will be provided between 6pm and 8am when a vehicle is charging, to ensure accessibility to residents that need to charge overnight.
- EV charging points will be installed at the following locations:
  - North Street Car Park, Burnham Market
  - Valentine Road, Hunstanton
  - Chapel Street Car Park, Kings Lynn
  - Fairstead, Center Point Car Park, Kings Lynn
  - Gaywood Library Car Park, Kings Lynn
  - Lynnsport North Car Park, Kings Lynn,
  - Austin Street East Car Park, Kings Lynn

### **Solar Together**

Officers have had meetings with IChoosr to discuss joining the Norfolk Solar Together campaign this year; the contract has now been signed off. Marketing materials for this scheme have been finalised and are to be sent out to residents imminently.

### **Additional**

-Work has started on drawing together the data for the next BCKLWN Carbon Audit. This will be completed by early Autumn.

-BEIS have released the 2020 district CO2 emission data. An update report will be completed by early Autumn.

### **Community Safety & Neighbourhood Nuisance Team**

#### **Fly-tipping**

As I reported last Month a major illegal tipping and burning operation has at last been closed down. EA. officers, accompanied by the Police issued a stop order on the site. Any further incidents will immediately result in a Court appearance. Further investigations are ongoing. **I am now able to report that a further stop report has been issued on another site under the same ownership.**

#### **Refuse.**

I am disappointed to report that negotiations are still continuing between the 3 districts and Serco re the additional services to be provided under the contract.

<b>2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled</b>
Cabinet Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Licensing. Flood and Coastal erosion matters. Cabinet Briefings Budget briefings CPP E&C LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG) Friends of the Earth, Klimate Concern QEH Board of Governors Kings Lynn Conservancy Board. <b>Most of the above meetings held on line, although there is a gradual return to face to face meetings were it is felt necessary.</b>