

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

#### **Repairs to the Hunstanton Sea Defence:**

These have been programmed for next week.

Contractors will be on site re-pointing the section of blockwork sea wall (in front of Oasis and Blackbeard's Golf) and some other minor works. This will take place from Monday to Friday.

We also have a separate contractor booked in on the 17<sup>th</sup> October to carry out inspection and preventive maintenance to all the metal flood gates.

#### **Re:fit WORK**

Work on the re-fit program continues. Commercial solar power options are 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 is continuing on the 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.

#### **SOLAR TOGETHER**

In terms of next steps, we will shortly be entering the acceptance phase. All registrants will be sent their personal recommendation on the 17th October and they will have until 25th November to decide if they wish to accept their

offer.

I am delighted to say that across the county, King's Lynn & West Norfolk recorded by far the largest number of registrations for the scheme.

#### **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.

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

As I reported last Month a major illegal tipping and burning operation has at last been closed down. EA Officers are continuing to monitor and investigate these sites.

Here are just a couple of examples of Fixed penalty notices issued for illegal Fly tipping:

Hextable Road, Kings Lynn on or about 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021. FPN is £300 reduced to £200 if paid within 14 days. Domestic waste relating to a house move.

Lay-by at A47, Tilney All Saints on or about 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022. FPN is £300 reduced to £200 if paid within 14 days. Mixed waste from user of the layby on A47.

## **3 Refuse**

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

## **4 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled**

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.

**Most of the above meetings held on line, although there is a gradual return to face to face meetings were it is felt necessary.**