

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

30th March 2023

COUNCILLOR - PAUL KUNES - CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

For the period 23rd February to 30th March 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Re:fit Work

Work on the re-fit program continues with the installation of air source heat pumps in council owned industrial units. Commercial solar power options are being considered and will be presented along with the Refit HLA work.

EV Charging

Two further sites are planned in the near future in King's Lynn and Burnham Market, which we hope will be operational by the second quarter of 2023. As well as the completed charging points, work is ongoing for a substation for the EV chargers planned for Austin Street East car park in King's Lynn. Once completed, the charging points will enable 52 cars to be charged.

North Lynn Alleyways.

I am delighted to say we have at long last been able to clean up the back alleys in the North Lynn area. I have been struggling with this since it was brought to my attention by Cllr Bone in December 2021! Problems with ownership of the lanes, legal access rights and health and safety issues have all delayed this. Huge thanks to our people who had to work among Rats, hypodermic syringes and all manner of other filth to complete this work. We will now be monitoring these areas regularly and collect any fly tipping there which will be investigated thoroughly.

Roll out of battery and WEEE collections

These collections are now being rolled out – slowly, so that we are not overloaded with items in the first few weeks.

I saw for myself at the depot last week the large containers of batteries that have already been collected.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Following the provision of data, further meetings have taken place with the Energy Saving Trust, who are conducting a review of the Council's 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. I am pleased to say that in addition to the two electric Vans we have had for some time, two more have been ordered.

Great Yarmouth Borough Council are about to take delivery of a fully electric Bin Lorry and will be testing it on all their routes. We await their findings with eager anticipation.

Solar Together

In terms of next steps, we have now completed the acceptance phase. All registrants have been sent their personal recommendation with a deadline of 25th November to decide if they wished to accept their offer. I am pleased to report that nearly 270 have accepted the offer for PV panels and/or battery storage.

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 is almost completed on the data analysis for the next BCKLWN Carbon Audit. This will be completed by early Spring 2023.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Cabinet

Portfolio briefing: -Climate Change, Recycling and Refuse collection and Flood and Coastal erosion matters.

Cabinet Briefings

Cabinet sifting

CPP

E&C

LGA Coastal Special Interest Group (SIG)

Friends of the Earth, Klimate Concern

Kings Lynn Conservancy Board.

NCP CMG

Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership.