

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

30 MARCH 2023

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For the period 27 February to 30 March 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Work on Budget and Council Tax Setting finally concluded when the various resolutions were made at Council on 23 February, details of which have been covered in earlier reports.

Since then my work has been focused on Period 10 monitoring as we want to be as prepared as possible for the financial year's outturn figures. The exercise is ongoing as a number of new variations have presented themselves, which need further investigation.

Work has also progressed on the introduction of a Shareholder Committee, created to scrutinise the activity of the wholly owned council companies, for which a new range of measures have been put into place, including reviewing board members, etc. The first meeting has been held but its work programme needs to be reviewed. It also needs to consider the Companies' business plans and associated matters.

A new arrangement for BCKLWN to carry out car parking operations, including the management of Parking Charges Notices, on behalf of additional Norfolk councils is under review. The provision of this service provides the opportunity to create new jobs in addition to generating additional income for the council.

Representation has been made to the appropriate Under Secretary of State to highlight our plight, in conjunction with other councils around The Wash and there has been an indication that some element of recompense may be made in the not too distant future.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The main focus from now on will be on monitoring and the potential impact on the end of year figures. The way monitoring is carried out has improved substantially in the last 2 years and improvements continue to be made. A monthly timetable has been devised so that reports to me and appropriate bodies such as Audit Committee and the Member Major Projects Board are as up to date as possible.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

24 Feb	Portfolio Holder Briefing
27 Feb	Member Major Projects Board
27 Feb	Corporate Performance Panel

1 Mar	Cabinet Briefing
2 Mar	West Norfolk Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group
3 Mar	Portfolio Holder Briefings
9 Mar	Period 10 Monitoring Review
9 Mar	Extraordinary Council
10 Mar	Review of Internal Drainage Board Levies
14 Mar	Member Housing Briefing
15 Mar	Period 10 Monitoring Review
15 Mar	Car Parking Agency Arrangements review prior to Cabinet Sifting
16 Mar	QEH Member Briefing
17 Mar	Portfolio Holder Briefing
17 Mar	Shareholder Committee
20 Mar	Cabinet Sifting
20 Mar	King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee
22 Mar	Alive West Norfolk Board Proposals
22 Mar	Cabinet Briefing
24 Mar	Portfolio Holder Briefing
29 Mar	Cabinet Briefing
30 Mar	Council