

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

30 June 2016

**COUNCILLOR MRS EA NOCKOLDS
CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE & HEALTH**

For the period May 16th to June 17th 2016

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

The Town Hall mobile phone App, named Discover the Stories of Lynn, is expected to be launched by the end of July. As well as being used for the visit to the 'Stories of Lynn' it will also apply to other Heritage Assets throughout the town. The App supports the extensive marketing of King's Lynn which is encouraging visitors to stay longer. A Sunday joint ticket is available for visitors to 'Stories of Lynn' to also explore the Customs House exhibition and the Lynn Museum. Schools are encouraged to have joint visits between the 'Stories of Lynn' and the Lynn Museum. The first school visit learnt about Fredericks Savages life and role of Mayor.

The Learning Outreach Officer with support from the Archivists has arranged a programme of Master Classes which are being held at the Town Hall during the next 2 months. All courses, which include Paper Screen printing, bookbinding, upholstery and historic food are all linked to the 'Stories of Lynn' and the Archives.

A mystery visit to each of the Councils sports facilities and the Corn Exchange was made recently. Each visitor inspected all areas of the centres, took part in an activity whilst there and attended a show. They viewed the web-sites made telephone calls and sent emails. The reports were received by Alive Leisure and acted upon by Alive Management. Each facility should be aiming to achieve a minimum of 67%, Lynnsport received 91%, St James received 85%, D. Mkt. received 83%, Oasis received 84% and the Corn Exchange received 85%.

Hunstanton received a 'Keep Britain Tidy Seaside Award' recently. This recognises that Hunstanton has high standards in beach management, good quality facilities eg. clean toilets, availability of showers and good information such as tide times, first aid and child safety via notice boards and a beach office. The Beach Patrol Officers carry with them First Aid bags and mobile radios. Over the last 4 years the water quality has hovered between good to excellent.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

The Shed Skatepark has received a grant from Sport England's, 'Inspired Facilities' fund and WREN amounting to £176,350. The Borough are also contributing £70,000 from capital. The building will have improved insulation which will improve the accessibility during the winter months, a mezzanine first floor, a café, shop and a workshop with a viewing area. The aim is to complete the work before the end of 2016.

The Summer activities for the town centre are being organised in partnership with Vancouver Quarter, Norfolk Museum Services, Civic Society, KL Festival Board and Festival Too. In the near future events such as 1940's day, Folk Music Festival, Mods & Rockers, Fairytales and Legends, Hanseatic Water Ski-Boat racing and Covent Garden Street entertainment concluding with the Heritage Day which includes a Classic Car show are planned.

King's Lynn In Bloom have organised a Photography Competition, named 'Love Your Parks' for under 18's sponsored by Wolfys, and over 18's sponsored by KL Camera Club. The annual front garden competition and allotment judging are also taking place in July sponsored by KL Horticultural Society.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with ;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Chris Bamfield Exe Director Commercial Services
Sarah Moore Grounds Maintenance Manager
Tim Humphreys Tourism Manager
Charlotte Wright Town Hall Marketing Officer

Alive Leisure Trust Board meeting

Alive Leisure Governance meeting

Allotment meeting

Historic England Urban Panel

Cabinet

Regeneration & Development Panel

KL & WN Area Museums Committee

Alive Management Board

Internal Drainage Board

KL Football Club Officers

English Heritage Castleacre, rep. The Mayor

WN Clinical Commission Group Joint Primary Care

Meetings Scheduled until June 30th

Trues Yard AGM

N Norfolk Destination Management Board

WN Tourism Forum

KL In Bloom

GEAR Steering Group

Boston Borough Council
Cabinet