

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**April 2022**

### **COUNCILLOR A FITCH-TILLET - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period to March 2022

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

##### **Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme – Progress Update**

Draft Environmental Statements have been completed and are under review by the team. Further assessment of scheme benefits are being completed to update the Partnership Funding calculators. This is to capture the increased benefits since the original applications for funding were submitted, in order to maximise Grant in Aid. This is necessary as construction costs have increased due to widespread cost increases across the sector, caused by a number of factors, and costs estimates for the preferred design are higher. Once the benefits assessment has been completed, the designs can be finalised in consideration of the budget available.

##### **Overstrand (east) Apron Maintenance**

Work has begun on completing maintenance on the sea wall apron, installing sacrificial concrete on the lower sea wall and improving the beach slipway at Clifton Way. Over time, in these areas, the concrete has worn due to the lowering beach levels alongside the abrasive action of waves and sediment on the structures.

##### **Happisburgh Beach Access Ramp**

Preparations have been made to enable the recut of the Happisburgh beach access ramp once the final discharge of planning conditions for the work have been issued.

##### **Coastal Transition Accelerator Fund**

As part of the Government's £200 million flood and coast innovation programme, North Norfolk District Council, as one of two English councils selected, will receive part of a £36 million investment to explore innovative approaches of adapting to the impacts of coastal erosion.

This will enable opportunities for coastal communities and businesses at erosion risk in North Norfolk to come together with NNDC to explore, put in place, and deliver plans and actions to prepare in locations where the coast is currently eroding and will continue to erode.

The government fund is known as the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme. The first year is funded via a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) directly from DEFRA and will need to prepare an Outline Business

Case (OBC) for Environment Agency approval and appropriate supporting evidence whilst also seeking delivery of some 'on the ground' activities. The approval of the OBC would then release significant further funds (to 2027) to enable NNDC to work with communities and businesses in developing ways to assist with managing coastal change. We will be required to develop and share learning with government and other local authorities as the programme develops and it is intended that what we learn and do will shape the future approach to coastal transition.

This fund supersedes the previously reported Innovative Resilience Fund which will continue at Great Yarmouth and East Suffolk through the Coastal Partnership East team.

## **2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

Development of the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme.

## **3      Meetings attended**

All Council Committees appointed to (Subs appointed to Development Committee)  
All Poppyland Parish Councils  
Chaired Coastal Forum  
Coastal Team Catch Up  
Norfolk Coast Partnership Management Plan Workshop  
Chaired LGA Coastal SIG CLIFF Working Group  
CPE Lunch & Learn - Flood Modelling  
Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership Management Group, Stakeholder Group  
DEFRA + Suffolk and Lincs AONB Partnerships Site visit to view Farming In Protected Landscape  
Norfolk Coast Partnership Workshop - Response to Glover Report  
Pre-Meet and Site Visit DEFRA Minister to announce CTAP funding  
LGA Coastal SIG  
Norfolk Coast Partnership Visitor Management Group, Media interview, Core Management Group, Sites visit to introduce the new CEO of the National Association of AONBs  
Coastal Partnership East Board Meeting

Verbal update available or on request