

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**27 July 2022**

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

For the period June – July 2022

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

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

Scoping queries from the Marine Management Organisation for the draft Environmental Statements have been considered. There is a requirement to complete a geoarchaeological statement which is now being considered by the consultants before this is completed. Documentation to support the Planning Applications and Marine Licence have been received for review. Discussions are underway with the Environment Agency regarding scheme funds.

##### **Coast Protection Maintenance**

Ongoing maintenance works continue, this includes concrete repairs and patching to the Bacton to Walcott Seawall, repair and painting of navigation beacons and replacement of corroded handrails at Bacton and Walcott.

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

Project proposal form for internal approval has been drafted. The North Norfolk CTAP has been presented to the national Regional Flood and Coast Committee chairs meeting alongside the Environment Agency and East Riding of Yorkshire Council. An introduction to CTAP was presented to the Norfolk Coastal Forum. NNDC has been involved with Environment Agency meetings in order to identify support and opportunities that may be offered to assist with programme delivery.

##### **Norfolk Coastal Forum**

The July forum meeting was split between an online session and visit to Mundesley. The morning session included presentations from Katy Owen, Protected Landscapes Officer, which provided an overview of the work completed including the Wash Partnership and Norfolk Coast Partnership, Kellie Fisher updating on current Environment Agency activities, Karen Thomas updating on Coastal Partnership East and national coastal local government activities and Dr Sophie Day on the completed Coastal Processes Gap Analysis evidence review.

##### **Coastal Loss Innovative Funding and Finance**

The final Steering Group meeting was held and agreed that it would be investigated if this could be published alongside the Environment Agency Research and Development projects whilst also on contributing partner websites. A further workshop is to be arranged to explore how the findings can be taken forward in a co-ordinated and joined up way with the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme and Flood and Coast Resilience Innovation Programme.

##### **Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Refresh**

The status tracker has been completed with Natural England and Environment

Agency agreement. The SMP Management Group has been reformed and an initial meeting held where the Status tracker was considered alongside reviewing the Terms of Reference of the Group. Next steps include updating the SMP Action Plan in line with the updated guidance. Further to this an initial meeting was held of the Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance Coastal Members Group to explore how such a group could contribute to the co-ordination of coastal work such as providing a strategic elected member oversight of the delivery of the SMPs in Norfolk (please note this would be a non-decision making group with all decisions regarding SMP changes to be completed through the approved change process with Local Authority approval).

### **Marine Licensing**

There have been ongoing issues nationally with regards to the timescales and approach for marine license consent. This has impacted on a number of projects for Coastal Partnership East area, as it has across the wider coast. CPE has worked with the LGA Coastal Special Interest Group and the Environment Agency nationally and recently also been raised to MPs nationally.

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

Development of the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme and CLIFF initiative.

## **3 Meetings attended**

- Nutrient Neutrality Briefing
- LGA Coastal SIG
- Cabinet x 2
- Broom Boats Site Visit
- Cromer Pier Show
- Chaired LGA Coastal SIG CLIFF Steering Group
- Trimingham and Northrepps Parish Councils
- Chaired Norfolk Coastal Forum and Site Visit
- ADA Board Meeting
- Development Committee
- Woodland Holiday Park Site Visit and joint meeting with NCP (FIPL) and Coastal Management
- SCAPE Lunch & Learn
- Overstrand and Sidestrand Parish Councils
- Broads IDB
- Informal Cabinet
- Norfolk Coastal Managers Meeting
- Development Committee Site Visit – Overstrand Garden Centre
- Norfolk Rivers IDB
- Regional Flood And Coastal Committee East
- Cabinet Working Party

- Cabinet Business Planning Meeting

Verbal update available or on request