

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

July 2022

COUNCILLOR N LLOYD - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE

For the period June to July 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Environmental Protection

The Environmental Protection Team have successfully collected 12 of our Baggot goats and returned them to Melbourne slope for their summer grazing. This received a high level of public and media interest and has been well received. The goats will remain on the cliff during the summer months ensuring that the vegetation is managed appropriately.

The team completed specialist rodent baiting along the sunken gardens and east cliff in Cromer, with good evidence of bait takes. It is anticipated that this should have a significant impact on the rat population at these locations and a subsequent reduction of sightings and complaints.

EP officers are preparing and putting resources in place to monitor noise arising from Summer events across the district. This involves working closely with the Safety Advisory group and event organisers to ensure that the event has no undue noise impacts on the immediate community.

The team continue to support, Gypsies, Roma and Travellers who are utilising the Council's two temporary supporting places in Fakenham and Cromer. Both sites are currently occupied, the team will visit occupants and link in with the health services to ensure that they and their families receive support and advice during their stay, such as vaccination guidance and check-ups.

The team are currently working with the Norfolk Constabulary to develop a policy around unauthorised encampments and the new powers recently introduced under the Police Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

The team continue to provide advice and guidance to the Planning department on matters of Contaminated Land, Noise, Odour, Dust amongst other things, this month has comments on some high profile cases.

Civil Contingencies

The Civil Contingencies Manager has completed a series of fuel station

forecourt visits to ensure supply for critical workers. NNDC is the first district to do so. Retained all 6 existing stations and added 1 more to improve coverage.

The team met with the new Event Coordinator for Walsingham Shrine re the Tamil 2 Pilgrimage, this event seemed to run relatively smoothly with minor impact to the wider community.

The Civil Contingencies manager has attended numerous meetings throughout the month, planning and contributing to events and forthcoming exercises including:

- Walsingham Parish Council Travellers meeting looking at events in the area as well as arrangements for the Gypsy Roma Traveller community attending the Shrine
- FloodEx 22 Workshop on Multi Agency Information Cells on behalf of the NRF and fed back notes
- Bacton (Gas Terminal) Liaison and Exercise Planning meeting
- NRF Voluntary, Faith & Community Resilience Management Group meeting NRF Severe weather & flood risk meeting
- NRF Norfolk FloodEx 22 planning meeting – focusing on TCG & SCG aspects
- Flood Investigation Reports – new procedures to be put in place (meeting with NCC Flood and Water Management later today to discuss)

Commercial and Public Protection

The valuable work of the team continues with routine food inspections, food complaint investigations and food sampling. They continue to see a high number (25 on average) of new food businesses registering each month. All new businesses are given the support and advice to allow them to produce and serve food safely. The team have recently received praise for this approach, it appears to be highly appreciated by new businesses.

There are several accident investigations being undertaken by the team, which have resulted in injuries such as a chemical burn and broken wrist. These workplace injuries require a thorough investigation.

The caravan site project ensuring compliance with site licenses continues and has revealed some interesting discovers around non-compliance, Officers are working with many site owners to develop action plans to remedy these.

Environmental Services

The team are currently working with the contractor (Serco) on route reorganisation. Giving them the support and attention required to ensure that it is successfully delivered in early September 2022. Leaflet design and wording has been agreed. Member briefings on this subject will occur in the coming weeks and months, once details have been finalised. This project will ensure efficiencies and hopefully deliver improved service.

The team continue to monitor the contract, but over the summer months particular attention will be given to street cleansing and litter bin emptying, ensuring that the district continues to remain an attractive place to visit, work and live.

Positive feedback has been received about the rewilding areas which have been implemented across the district.

Early planning for National Recycling week.

Climate Change

Work continues on the implementation of the NZAP, including prioritising Council assets for decarbonisation and identifying potential funding/financing options.

Working with external consultant on options for ensuring potential new leisure centre at Fakenham has low carbon footprint.

Implementation of our tree planting strategy is being planned for the planting season 22/23. At the time of writing, sufficient projects are in the pipeline to meet the target number which like last year, is challenging. Trees have been ordered to meet our needs to complete this project.

A press release announcing the Jubilee Miyawaki forests project is due for publication on Tuesday 19 July. This invites local communities and organisations to apply for a mini forest.

Greenbuild plans are continuing well with good engagement with Fakenham Town Council and local stakeholders. Local community groups and businesses are confirming their attendance. Staff and Members have been invited to help out on the day. Brief details :

This year Greenbuild will be a hybrid event, offering online and satellite events in the week leading up to Greenbuild Live, which takes place on **Saturday, 10 September**.

This year the live event will take place in **Fakenham Town Centre**.

It will feature speakers and exhibitors who encourage North Norfolk residents to live more sustainably and take action to reduce their carbon footprint

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Launch of Myawaki Jubilee forest competition

3 Meetings attended

Project meetings for Greenbuild, tree planting and climate change.
UK 100 introduction meeting
Meetings with Breckland and KL Councils – Serco contract