

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period July to September 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme – Progress Update

Work has continued to progress finalising documents to be submitted for the necessary consents. Balfour Beatty has been appointed through the SCAPE framework to begin the pre-construction activities in preparation for the scheme. Discussions with the Environment Agency regarding the desired level of funding for the schemes have been productive, for Mundesley an update is required for the Outline Business Case and it appears that additional funding may be possible. Cromer is required to progress through the variation process for existing schemes, the partnership funding scores for the scope of the work sought are low and further consideration is required to make the case for the full funding to deliver all aspects of the revised scope of works.

Coastal Protection Maintenance

July:

- Beacon at the end of groyne 2 Cromer was replaced
- Repair works completed to the beacon stay at the end of groyne 1 Cromer
- Repair works to 2 sets of access steps at Ostend
- Inspections: all hand railing from Bacton to Ostend

August:

- Construction of 3 timber beach access steps
- Repair works to an access step over a revetment in Sidestrand
- New hand railing installed on the beach access steps near kingfishers at Walcott
- Repair works to a fractured pile at Overstrand
- Repair works to revetment at Overstrand (ongoing)
- Repair works to access steps at Overstrand
- East Runton anti-slip paint on ramp
- Cromer West anti-slip paint on ramp

September:

- Remedial works completed on access steps by Crown Inn, Sheringham
- Overstrand revetment works started
- Overstrand end of groyne removal (programmed for September)
- Paint Nav Beacons at Overstrand (programmed for September/October)

- FK undertook annual inspection with Trinity House for Navigation Beacons
- Post season inspections have been organised to start w/c 12/09/22

Coastal Transition Accelerator Fund

Project proposal form for internal approval has been submitted. The coastal team have attended the Environment Agency sessions to seek to develop and prepare the proposals for Outline Business Case approval. Internal cross council officer workshops are underway to seek to identify potential shared benefits, delivery options etc. to ensure the value of the opportunity is maximised.

Coastal Loss Innovative Funding and Finance

Final reports are awaited. A workshop is planned to share the findings with those involved to date and key national interested parties. This will also seek to identify further opportunities. There is also an opportunity to move forward the concepts developed to date, alongside other potential options, through the approved Flood and Coast Resilient Innovation Funds projects and Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme, this will be explored to ensure alignment between national and local projects and to ensure efficient use of resources.

Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document

NNDC, East Suffolk Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council and The Broads Authority have a statement of common ground for planning matters on the coast. This has led to the co-development of a shared Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document. The document does not create new planning policy but seeks to provide guidance to planning decision makers and developers about appropriate development in and near coastal erosion risk areas, whilst also seeking to support and stimulate proposals that seek to enable homes and businesses to adapt and roll back from coastal erosion risk. The document underwent a public scoping consultation and is now being drafted. It is anticipated that a draft will be open for public consultation later in the year.

Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance Coastal Members Forum

The inaugural meeting of this group was held at County Hall in July. The group discussed its potential role with regards oversight of coastal management across Norfolk through acting, for example, as a non-decision making elected member group for delivery of the Shoreline Management Plans.

Broadland Futures Initiative

The Broadland Futures Initiative (BFI) is a partnership lead by the Environment Agency to consider future flood risk management in the Broadland area. The main goal is to agree a framework for future flood risk management that better copes with our changing climate and rising sea level. The focus is on what happens from the mid-2020s onwards, however there is a need to start planning now to secure support and make well-informed decisions. Further information and updates can be viewed at [Broadland Futures Initiative \(broads-authority.gov.uk\)](https://broads-authority.gov.uk)

Local Government Association Special Interest Group Adaptation Working Group

The LGACSIG adaptation working group held a successful placemaking workshop at the Flood and Coast Conference in June 2022 developed and supported by CPE officers. The workshop focused on the viability of our coasts in the face of climate and coastal change and what we thought a resilient viable coast might look like or need in place to happen. We undertook the workshop with EA colleagues and ran it jointly with CGN who also considered the coastal planning issues and opportunities following the SMPR. The workshops were well attended and we captured over 800 years of experience across the event. We have some excellent feedback on the approach we took and the majority of attendees also made pledges to do their part for adaptation in their roles. A report will be available in October and this will inform upcoming APPG discussions about coast and climate change as well as be used for broader cross-government discussions about who else needs to be involved in creating resilient coasts.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

- Development of the Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme and CLIFF initiative.
- Development of updated Shoreline Management Plan Action Plan.
- Consideration of Shoreline Management Refresh Healthcheck actions for Overstrand.
- Meeting of Sandscaping Monitoring Committee to review and agree monitoring.

3 Meetings attended

- Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership
- Planning Policy
- Chaired LGA Coastal SIG Adaptation Working Group
- SCAPE Lunch & Learn – Neurodiversity
- Norfolk Coast Partnership Branding Interview
- Development Committee
- Cabinet
- Trimmingham, Northrepps and Overstrand Parish Councils
- LGA Coastal SIG AGM and Field Trip
- CTAP Site Visit
- Norfolk Coast Partnership Branding Workshop
- Norfolk Coast Partnership Strategy Group
- Cabinet Pre-Agenda
- Cabinet Working Party - Projects

