

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period July to September 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Commercial and Public Protection

The team have been particularly busy throughout August, they played an integral role in ensuring that Cromer Carnival ran in a safe manner, advising event organisers through the Safety Advisory Group and by visiting food vendors on carnival day.

A taxi driver has had his license revoked after the team were informed of safeguarding concerns raised by Police colleagues.

Environmental Health Officers continue to visit food premises across the district ensuring that businesses are providing safe food. There have been requests for re ratings, where businesses have scored a 2 upon initial inspection but following words of advice and significant improvement have been re rated to a 5. A good example of our Officer improving standards in businesses.

The team assisted and informed businesses on a wide scale product recall for Salmonella.

The team have investigated a case of Legionella and Hepatitis A. Working with colleagues in the UK Health Protection Agency to identify the source and put in place suitable control measures.

Environmental Protection

The team have conducted a Drone flight over some Caravan Sites which are being affected by Coastal Erosion, the footage is very interesting and useful.

Signs have been installed by the team at Beach Road in Salthouse, advising of no overnight stays and responsible parking and use of this area.

Abatement notices under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 have been served for dog barking and amplified music and both appear to have had the desired effect.

Officers conducted noise monitoring visits throughout the Bannaroo event, ensuring that it passed with limited complaints, following concerns raised by the Local MP and residents in the build up to the event.

Environmental Services

Excellent summer weather has meant that large numbers of visitors have visited our seaside resorts and the team have spent the summer dealing with the challenges of this high number of visitors brings. Monitoring the Contract with Serco and ensuring that issues have been dealt with in a timely manner.

The team have also been busy planning and working with partners on the waste collection route optimisation which went live on Monday 5th of September. This has involved hosting two Member briefings.

Civil Contingencies

Incident response

There have been two suspected UXO's in August one at Walcott on the 24th of August and one at Blakeney on the 31st of August.

Ongoing liaison re FloodEx 22 exercise planning.

Ongoing participation in the NRF weekly Risk and Information Group meetings and Risk Assessment meetings, chaired RIG meeting on 19 Aug

Attended Exercise Birch (Bacton Gas Terminal COMAH exercise) drop-in session. Met with IT to run through audio visual kit in the NNDC Committee Room prior to the exercise on 8 September

Attended NRF Voluntary and Faith Group meeting

Attended Resilience Direct mapping drop-in session

Printed materials have been sent out to various flood warden groups to support second home initiatives, recruitment drives etc.

The CC manager has responded to Planning consultation re new Lower Tier COMAH site (Albert Bartlett, Worstead) and provided pre-application advice for a proposed chalet in Bacton

The team are arranging Exercise Birch on the 8 September in the NNDC Committee Room, this will be used by Bacton Gas Terminal operators to practice an emergency scenario.

FloodEx 22 national flooding exercise 19-23 September. Main day for coastal element play will be Thurs 22 Sep, but NNDC will have Local Coordination Group meetings from Tuesday onwards.

Exercise Bacton Vanguard rescheduled to November (when new Coastguard

officers will be in post)

Climate Change

The GreenBuild live event scheduled for 10th September in Fakenham town centre was cancelled in reverence to the passing of the Queen. My thanks go to the staff who worked so hard over the summer months to plan for the event, to Fakenham TC for agreeing to host the event and to all the exhibitors and speakers who had planned to attend. The Greenbuild virtual talks did take place and were well attended. Chris Packham gave a very interesting talk once again and was very complimentary on NNDC's climate change actions.

Trees for the forthcoming planting season have been ordered in anticipation of many projects kicking off soon.

Detailed analysis and data gathering work is continuing on carbon emission data across NNDC estates so that definitive and costed plans can be developed in order to make improvements to our assets. This work will include improvements to the structure and running of the Cromer Offices.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Planting of trees throughout winter
Data analysis of carbon footprints across council assets

3 Meetings attended

Norfolk Waste Partnership
Serco Management
Project Board Meetings