

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**22 February 2023**

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

For the period December 2022 to February 2023

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

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

NNDC/CPE went back to Mott Macdonald with a few queries regarding the Environmental Statement, and Mott MacDonald are now finalising the Environment Statement following these comments. We received the formal letters from the Environment Agency to confirm the variation request for the Cromer Phase 2 Scheme and the Technical Approval for the Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme. Environment Agency have approved the additional funding requested for the Cromer scheme. Technical approval for the Mundesley scheme was also given by EA. CPA2 form for financial approval has been submitted to EA for approval. NNDC have been having monthly meetings with Balfour Beatty and Balfour Beatty have provided final detailed design comments.

##### **Coastal Maintenance December & January:**

- Wells - Remedial works to the Tug Boat Yard Wall
- Salthouse - Removed metal debris from Salthouse beach
- Sheringham - Removed bolts sticking out of ramp in Sheringham
- Overstrand - Works to the revetment at Overstrand
- Mundesley - Potholes along the un-made section of road at Vale Road and Ostend have been filled in
- Happisburgh - The toe of the ramp had a minor recut
- Happisburgh - Earth bund built up at entrance to former Seashell property
- Inspections: cliff slip near Mundesley Trafalgar Court, cliff slip near East Runton ramp, cliff clip near Trimmingham Vale Road, Happisburgh ramp.

##### **Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme (CTAP) and Innovative Funding and Finance**

A report was presented to Cabinet on 3<sup>rd</sup> of January which provided a background to CTAP, sought approval for the setting up of governance structures, agreed a clear approach with any possible asset acquisitions, and approved the development and submission of an Outline Business Case (OBC) to the Environment Agency and the creation of some initial support to

those individuals and communities most at risk from coastal erosion. Cabinet endorsed all recommendations.

CTAP team have been working with RPA, who have been appointed by DEFRA to evaluate the programme, to develop the Theory of Change for the North Norfolk CTAP. RPA have also been working with the team to develop the economic details for the OBC. Carbon pricing is also being explored for CTAP.

Innovative Funding and Finance (IFF) is a key part of CTAP. Building on the Coastal Loss Innovative Funding and Finance project (CLIFF), interviews were held with a number of the other Flood and Coastal Resilience Innovation Projects (FCRIP) to establish what Innovative Funding and Finance is taking place in other projects. This seeks to enable a co-ordinated approach across the programme and help to shape how CTAP will contribute to this essential area of work.

The team were part of a workshop as part of the infrastructure for Port And Coastal Towns and cities (iPACT) research project and some themes may link into CTAP at a future point. This workshop also provided a good opportunity to network with academics from across the country across a broad spectrum of expertise.

The CTAP team and CPE officers attended the Flood and Coastal Innovation Programme Winter Forum, which gave them time to network with other coastal practitioners involved in other FCRIP projects.

The CTAP team and CPE officers attended the PACCo Coastal Practitioners conference and presented on CTAP.

A University of Hull/Environment Agency research project called Coastal Change Stories, involving engagement with communities at risk of coastal erosion, has also been initiated, and includes CPE and CTAP team members. This may help to inform engagement during CTAP.

Contact has been made with several property owners along the NNDC coast to discuss the opportunities and assistance that CTAP may provide.

A draft Outline Business Case for CTAP has been submitted informally to the EA for early comment in order to help shape and finalise the formal submission documents.

### **Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document**

The Coastal Adaptation SPD has now gone out for public consultation between 25<sup>th</sup> January and 8<sup>th</sup> March.

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

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### **Coastal Transition Accelerator Programme and Innovative Funding and Finance**

- Finalisation of the North Norfolk CTAP OBC and submission to the EA towards the end of March.
- Inaugural North Norfolk CTAP Senior Officers Meeting.
- Creation of the NNCTAP Board.
- Agreed processes and administration for initial CTAP support package and first grants committed.
- Development of resourcing and recruitment.
- Completion of the CLIFF CTAP/FCRIP framework.

### **Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Management Scheme**

- MMO license and planning permission applications will be submitted by the end of February
- Balfour Beatty are in discussions with supply chain and tender returns will be received W/C 06/02/23. These tender returns will be reviewed and Balfour Beatty will negotiate with preferred tenders to ensure value for money.
- Mott MacDonald are working on a proposal to provide NNDC with technical support during the construction phase.
- Local Liaison Group meetings and community drop in sessions to be organized for between end of February and mid March 2023.

### **3 Meetings attended**

Cabinet  
Overstrand, Trimmingham & Northrepps Parish Councils  
Catch-Up Meeting CEO re NCP  
Town & Parish Council Forum  
All Parliamentary Group re Coastal Communities – Erosion  
Lunch & Learn – Overtopping  
Planning Policy & Built Heritage Working Party x 2  
NCP Visitor Pressure Working Group  
Youth Voice Workshop  
Development Committee  
Catch-Up Meeting Environment Agency  
LGA Coastal SIG Adaptation Working Group  
ADA Board Meeting  
Lunch & Learn – Delivering Resilient Projects  
Catch-Up Meeting NCP Chairs/Partnership Manager  
Sandscaping Research – UEA PhD