

## CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 June 2023

### **COUNCILLOR ADAM VARLEY - CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND NET ZERO**

For the period February to June 2023

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

##### **Building Decarbonisation**

Consultants (employed using Sport England Funding) have reported on potential energy saving activities for the Council's leisure centres and the findings will be explored in partnership with the operator, Everyone Active.

A cover for the main pool has been installed at the Reef, in partnership with Everyone Active. This is intended to save energy by reducing heat loss from the pool, therefore also saving money.

Phase two of construction of the Reef solar car port begins on 19<sup>th</sup> June and is on track to be complete before the beginning of the school holidays.

A solar window film to reduce solar gain in summer and heat loss in winter is being trialed in the Place & Climate Change directorate area of the Cromer office.

##### **Staff Engagement**

Staff have received personal travel plans exploring alternative options for their commute to work.

Good feedback was received on the staff briefing item relating to reducing your Easter footprint.

Staff have begun sharing their own environmental tips of the week.

##### **Other**

**Electric Vehicles** - Staff across several teams attended an NNDC workshop hosted by the Energy Saving trust covering all areas of EV, from charge points to planning requirements and taxi licenses. Work continues in liaison with NCC to access funding for EV charge point infrastructure.

**Trees** – other councils and organisations continue to ask for information about the Miyawaki forest initiative and the 110,000 tree project.

**UK100** - The Council has become a member of [UK:100](#), a network of councils seeking to pool knowledge and resources in order to achieve net zero carbon emissions.