

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 July 2023

COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST

For the period June to July 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Cromer and Mundesley:

- Planning application going through consultation for both the Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coastal Management Schemes.
- Marine application going through consultation for both the Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coastal Management Schemes.
- Ongoing conversations with the Environment Agency about additional funding claims associated with inflationary increases.
- Major Project Board established and first meeting to be held on 05/07/23.

Coastwise:

- Initial communications information and materials are being developed introduce Coastwise – the local branding for the North Norfolk Coastal Accelerator programme. This will begin to share the objectives and opportunities the programme presents and will be a starting point to initiate the conversations with communities and sectors impacted by coastal erosion.
- Recruitment of a multidisciplinary Coastwise team is underway and is essential to provide the skills and capacity to work in North Norfolk to deliver the programme. The roles are funded entirely by the programme which is externally funded.
- The Coastwise Programme Board, Senior Officer Steering Group and Critical Friends Groups are being established. Further governance arrangements, such as community/youth opportunities will be incorporated as the programme progresses.

Bacton and Walcott Sandscaping Monitoring:

- Sandscaping Monitoring Committee met to discuss procurement and funding for continued monitoring and analyses of Sandscaping scheme. An agreement was reached in principle for procurement of monitoring and analyses; funding will be split between the Anglian Coastal Monitoring Programme, Shell UK Ltd and Perenco UK Ltd.

Supplementary Planning Document:

- Final changes being made to the document.

Repairs and Maintenance – Key Works:

- Wells tug boat yard - wall repairs
- Bacton - revetment repairs
- Cromer seawall and prom – exposed rebar removed
- Trimmingham – debris removed from beach
- Repairs to accesses in Overstrand, Mundesley and East Runton

Coastal Partnership East:

- Head of Coastal Partnership East attended a Local Government Association Special Interest Group (LGASIG) meeting as Adaptation Working Group Lead where she flagged the new national LGASIG Adaptation Working Group plan for 2023/24.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**Cromer and Mundesley:**

- Advertising of planning consultations in local papers.
- Additional funding claims to be submitted to the Environment Agency.
- Construction phase proposal expected from Balfour Beatty by the end of July 23.

Coastwise:

- Recruitment of Coastwise roles.
- Coastwise webpage and initial communications/engagement
- Development of monitoring evaluation and learning methodology

Supplementary Planning Document:

- Adoption process in the four councils in coming months.

3 Meetings attended

- Flood and Coast Conference in Telford
- Marine & Environment meeting (Internal)
- Broads Authority Bio-Diversity Workshop
- The Norfolk Coastal Partnership, & Coastal Management Group. (Cllr Blathwayt elected Vice Chair)
- Cllr Peter Fisher attended LGA Coastal Special Interest Group on Cllr Blathwayt's behalf as Cllr Blathwayt attended Cabinet on that day.