

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 July 2023

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CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND NET ZERO

For the period June to July 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Estate Decarbonisation

Phase two of the construction of the Reef solar car port continues on schedule with completion expected before the beginning of the school holidays. Generation is expected to follow soon after. Publicity has raised awareness of the project and informed users of The Reef about the expected disturbance. No issues have been reported and visitors to The Reef appear to have been interested and widely supportive of the project.

Staff Engagement

The regular slot at the Staff Briefing was used to raise awareness of the Council's Net Zero journey and to raise awareness of personal actions that can be taken to reduce our individual carbon footprints.

Net Zero Strategy & Action Plan

A review of the NZAP is being undertaken in the light of progress on its implementation so far and in light of emerging Corporate Plan.

Wider environmental matters

The team conducted a 'show and tell' of North Walsham Miyawaki forest for Natural England

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Publication of 2022/23 carbon footprint

3 Meetings attended

Norfolk Community Awards – where several of our tree planting projects were nominated
Barton Turf Common Pond Project Celebration (next week)

