

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 July 2023

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For the period June to July 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Culture

Deep history Coast (DHC) – In order to maintain the functionality of the DHC app, an upgrade process is underway. This is nearly complete, with a few teething problems to iron out, and the newer version will shortly be uploaded to the App Store and Google Play. The DHC discovery points will be reviewed and the identified maintenance issues addressed in time for the school summer holidays.

Visit North Norfolk (VNN) – The Council has been working in partnership with VNN to develop the way in which it supports businesses in the local visitor economy. With funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund, the post of ‘Membership and Business Development Manager’ has been created and VNN is hoping to have made an appointment into this soon (closing date for applications was June 30th). VNN reports that there has been a good pool of applicants.

- The Year of the Coast Campaign is being well received and is supporting the attraction of visitors to local businesses, our special and beautiful open spaces, the Deep History Coast, as well as activities to get people involved in being outdoors and enjoying our heritage and cultural attractions.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

North Walsham Cultural Programme

The funded programme of cultural activity that supplements the High Street Heritage Action Zone will continue with the following:

- mosaic workshops will run in July and August
- street circus (from Foolhardy Circus) performing and delivering four workshops plus a day performance and community picnic in August
- craft workshops will continue to be held during July (needle felting, silversmithing scrapbooking, crochet, candle rolling and cyanotype)
- Summer play and community engagement opportunity (via New Stages) during August

3 Meetings attended

Norfolk Arts Forum Executive Committee
Cromer Art Space

Sheringham Museum
Experience Sheringham