

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**20 September 2023**

### **COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period July to September 2023

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

##### **Cromer and Mundesley Coast Protection Schemes**

- The application for additional funding has been submitted to the Environment Agency and the allocation of Capital funding is recommended by Cabinet (elsewhere on this agenda)
- Consents for the scheme (planning permission, Marine Licence) have yet to be granted but consultation has been undertaken and detailed discussions with Statutory consultees are ongoing
- Construction proposal has been submitted by Balfour Beatty
- The 'technical support' contract with Mott MacDonald has been agreed
- Practical matters relating to the implementation of the schemes are being addressed.

##### **Repairs and Maintenance**

The following NNDC-led works have commenced during this period:

- Bacton revetments and sea wall
- Overstrand promenade/sea wall repairs
- Sheringham prom repairs
- Floodgate inspections, general repairs, and sand clearance.

Works are also due to commence for the repair of the beach access ramp at Sea Palling, an Environment Agency project which NNDC has been supporting in various ways.

##### **Coastwise**

- Confirmation was received in August from the Environment Agency that Coastwise has been allocated the full £15M for a period up to end of March 2027
- Recruitment for the coastwise team has progressed with interviews scheduled in early September; one post will be reviewed/re-advertised. A shared role funded by NNDC and East Riding will enable a Funding and Financing post to be created
- Coastwise has developed a Monitoring, Evidence and Learning (MEL) approach, which will seek to capture learning as we progress through development and delivery. An initial 'pre-discovery' phase of MEL has progressed.
- Coastwise provided seed funding for a UEA PhD proposal which successfully attracted significant further funds.

**Bacton Sandscaping Monitoring**

- The first run of data has been collected for the Bacton Sandscaping Monitoring work

**National Coastal Erosion Risk Mapping 2 (NCERM2)**

- Ongoing meetings with the Environment Agency and Jacobs (consultants) regarding NCERM2 and 'complex cliffs' – the aim of this is to ensure that we get the best data out of NCERM2 for areas such as Trimingham.

**Supplementary Planning Document**

- The Broads Authority Planning Committee endorsed the SPD
- SPD approved at East Suffolk Council's Cabinet.

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

- Consideration of Planning application in October
- Subject to receiving funding and consent, NNDC will enter construction contract with Balfour Beatty
- Once MMO and planning applications are approved, discharging of conditions will take place and landowner agreements will be sought.

**Coastwise:**

- Appointment to vacant posts and formation of the Coastwise Team
- Initial 'conversations' with coastal communities and stakeholders to be planned
- Progression of 'discovery' phase, including investigations into transition plan models, coastal literacy materials, background legislation, and carbon baselining.

**Supplementary Planning Document**

- It is hoped all authorities will adopt, publish and use this in decision making imminently.

**3 Meetings attended.****July:**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> CPE meeting Great Yarmouth Town Hall

18<sup>th</sup> Coastwise Board meeting

19<sup>th</sup> Coastwise update meeting

**August:**

15<sup>th</sup> LGA SIG exceptional meeting to discuss bathing water quality.

16<sup>th</sup> Coast wise update meeting

**September:**

5<sup>th</sup> Mundesley/Cromer project Board Meeting.

11<sup>th</sup> Coastal LGA SIG AGM