

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**22 November 2023**

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

For the period September to November 2023

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

##### **Cromer and Mundesley Schemes**

- Funding for the full costs of the Mundesley scheme has now been approved; some minor changes to the forms submitted for the Cromer scheme were requested and once those have been completed it is expected the additional funds for that will also be approved.
- The Development Committee resolved to approve the schemes and liaison with relevant stakeholders around the planning conditions is now underway.
- The Construction Contract with Balfour Beatty has been signed.
- The Project Board and internal officer working group meet regularly to consider progress and issues arising from the schemes.

##### **Coastwise**

- Progress with the 'discovery' phase is on track, including investigations into international examples of transition plans and coastal adaptation case studies. A further three investigations will start to explore net zero opportunities, sediment valuation and coastal literacy.
- Rose Regeneration appointed to develop Social Value Engine to assist with monitoring and data collection.
- Coastwise Support Fund (as approved by Cabinet in January 2023) is now operational and has made its first funding awards.
- Recruitment of Coastwise team is progressing well with two members of the team joining during October; further colleagues to start in the new year. Recruitment for the Coastal Transition Planning lead still is live. An appointment to the shared Funding and Finance role, hosted by the Environment Agency, has been made.

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

- Ongoing works to Bacton revetments
- Repairs to Overstrand accesses and revetments
- Repairs to Access steps at Cromer and Weybourne
- Happisburgh ramp closed off due to safety concerns
- Floodgate inspections and clearance.

##### **Supplementary Planning Document**

- This has now been adopted by all authorities in Coastal Partnership East, enabling consistency across the relevant planning authorities.

## 2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

### **Cromer and Mundesley Schemes**

Once the final consents have been issued and the start date is known, further liaison with local stakeholders will be undertaken, prior to the commencement of the substantive works.

### **Coastwise**

- Initial conversations with coastal communities to be planned
- Short films to assist with coastal and climate literacy are being 'storyboarded'
- Coastwise information panels intended to be located along the coast are being developed and will include QR codes to link to updatable information.
- Coastwise and East Riding Coastal Transition are co-sponsoring the fourth Climate Creative Challenge #CoastalChange [[www.climatecreativeschallenge.com](http://www.climatecreativeschallenge.com)] which will showcase creative methods to present the coastal climate challenge.

### **SMP Refresh**

- the launch of the Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) Explorer is being planned, intended for the end of January 2024.

## 3 Meetings attended

21/9 Norfolk Coastal Partnership routine  
22/9 Broads Authority board  
28/9 Paludiculture Site Visit  
2/10 Cabinet & business Planning  
3/10 Project Board Mundesley & Cromer  
4/10 AONB Dark Skies Launch  
9/10 Broadland Futures Initiative  
12/10 Eastern Coast & Estuary Conference  
13/10 Broads Authority Planning Committee  
13/10 Broads Authority Boat Tolls Meeting  
14/10 BA Chief Executive Appraisal  
17/10 Coastwise Board Meeting  
23/10 Cabinet & Business Planning  
27/10 BA Planning Committee  
27/10 BA Sustainable Tourism Meeting  
27/10 Meeting with Norfolk and Waveney MPs as Chair of Planning at Broads Authority  
30/10 Broads IDB  
2/11 BA Navigation Committee  
2/11 Wash and NCP Joint Meeting

3/11 Norfolk Rivers IDB  
6/11 Cabinet & Business Planning  
6/11 Coastwise Members Briefing  
7/11 Mundesley & Cromer Project Board  
7/11 Inaugural Meeting of LGA IDB SIG  
10/11 BA Planning Committee  
13/11 Coastwise Briefing Meeting  
14/11 Coastal Forum  
15/11 Overview and Scrutiny re Cromer & Mundesley Project  
16/11 Wash and NCP Meeting  
17/11 LGA Coastal SIG