

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**22 November 2023**

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For the period September to November 2023

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

The dates for the Examination of the draft Local Plan have now been published – as have the ‘Matters, Issues and Questions’ that the independent Inspector wishes to test. The Examination is due to start in the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 and finish in the week of 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The information is all publicly available.

The Glaven Valley Conservation Area Appraisal (which includes some revisions to the Area boundary) was considered at the Planning Policy and Built Heritage Working Party on the 13<sup>th</sup> November following a final round of consultation. Councillors present unanimously endorsed the recommendations and the matter will now be considered at the next Cabinet meeting. If agreed the Appraisal will be formally in place before the end of the calendar year

Last week Development Committee met and considered the largest number of applications in recent memory. The Committee also considered another performance report that again highlighted the excellent service levels being delivered within Planning.

The Blakeney Neighbourhood Plan was formally made on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – following a referendum in September. It now forms part of the ‘development plan’ for the area in question.

Fees for planning application – which are set at national level – are due to go up from 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and then see inflationary increases thereafter from April 2025.

### **2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

The Council is starting on a series of Town and Parish Council Planning Roadshow sessions where we are looking to get out and about around the whole district over a two year period. This will involve briefing attendees on

the District Council's role and how the Town and Parish Council's can get involved to maximum effect. Invites went out to councils following the Town and Parish Council Forum on 8<sup>th</sup> November – which Cllr Adams chaired – and where our Assistant Director – Planning and I spoke about these new sessions.

This will build on a productive session held in September in Stalham. The next session will be held in Wells-Next-the-Sea on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.