

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

20 December 2023

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For the period November to December 2023

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Cromer and Mundesley Schemes

The coast protection scheme for Cromer and Mundesley is in an advanced state of preparation, with the application for the uplift funding from Mundesley having been received and the uplift funding for Cromer expected soon. The start date will be able to be confirmed once the outstanding consent matters are finalised, these include:

- Consent from Marine Management Organisation (MMO) - Responded to MMO comments and are awaiting final approval
- Discharge of planning conditions
- Agreement to the Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP)

The Project Board and internal officer working group meet regularly to consider progress and issues arising from the schemes.

Coastwise

- Coastwise and East Riding Coastal Transition are co-sponsoring the fourth Climate Creative Challenge #CoastalChange [www.climatecreativeschallenge.com] which will showcase creative methods to present the coastal climate challenge
- Shared Funding and Finance post hosted by EA has been filled
- Coastwise presented to Parish Partnership Forum and was well received
- Plans underway for engagement strategy and community workshops
- Contract initiation meetings have been held for work on developing transition plans and coastal adaptation archive.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Remedial works following storms along whole frontage: steps, handrails, concrete etc.
- Overstrand block revetment repair works
- Overstrand timber revetment repairs
- West Runton sheet piling works complete
- Happisburgh ramp re-cut
- Cromer Melbourne cliff slip repairs
- Floodgate clearance

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

- Conversations with Norwich Diocese being planned regarding graveyards in erosion risk areas
- Short films to assist with coastal and climate literacy are underway
- Coastwise information panels intended to be located along the coast are being developed and will include QR codes to link to updatable information
- Development of survey to inform Coastwise plans
- Completing ideas for UEA Environment consultancy module projects with Climate.

3 Meetings attended

17/11/23 LGA Coastal Water Quality SIG
20/11/23 Cabinet Pre Agenda
22/11/23 Broads Authority TPO site visit
22/11/23 Cromer Site Visit and technical briefing
23/11/23 Norfolk strategic Flooding Alliance
24/11/23 Coastal erosion Site Visit with CEO of Environment Agency
04/12/23 Business Planning
05/12/23 Project Board Mundesley and Cromer
06/12/23 LGA IDB SIG
07/12/23 Joint Coastal Management Group (Norfolk)
08/12/23 Broads Authority Planning Committee