

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**20 December 2023**

### **COUNCILLOR ADAM VARLEY CABINET MEMBER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND NET ZERO**

For the period November to December 2023

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

##### Tree Give-away

The tree give-away event for residents was held at Sheringham Christmas Market on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. These trees were provided from Norfolk County Council's one million tree project. There was also an opportunity to promote the Norfolk Warm Home grants.

##### Trees for Connectivity

Promotion is being done for Norfolk County Council's 'trees for connectivity' project which is targeting North Norfolk for further free and reduced-price tree packages. Residents can go onto the website and use the interactive map to see areas which are eligible for this scheme.

##### NCCP Net Zero Communities project

The Norfolk Climate Change Partnership Net Zero Communities project has been launched, with one community in each Norfolk local authority becoming the focus of activity. Our chosen community for North Norfolk is Stalham. The initiative seeks to explore the barriers communities and individuals face to reducing their carbon footprint, responding to climate challenges and identifying potential ways of overcoming them. Plans to develop the programme are currently being discussed with Stalham Town Council and other stakeholders.

##### Carbon Literacy training

A programme of carbon literacy training is being developed in-house and our commitment to delivering this course was repledged on international Climate Literacy Action Day. Training for all staff and elected members will commence in the New Year.

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

Schemes are being established for the use UK Shared Prosperity Funding for energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures (including grants) for households and businesses

Works to better insulate the walls at the Cromer Council office are commencing.

A programme of consolidation of waste and recycling facilities at Cromer offices is being developed, with an associated information campaign, with the aim of reducing the waste generated and ensuring it is more efficiently collected.

Environmental tips of the week have been recorded for use on social media channels.

## **3 Meetings attended**

Let's go electric event –“charging ahead” at Great Yarmouth

UK100 Parliamentary reception

UK100 Countryside Climate network

UK100 Climate Leaders final session

NCCP portfolio holders meeting