

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 July 2024

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For the period April to July 2024

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Coast Protection works

The **Cromer and Mundesley schemes** are progressing according to the established programmes. Recent activities include:

- Sheet piling and concrete works on Cromer East Beach Flint Wall now completed, with sectional handover to NNDC
- Rock delivery commenced on the 15th June 2024 at Cromer. Video available: <https://vimeo.com/968750011?share=copy>
- Placement of the rock commenced on 3rd July at Cromer
- Preparation works for the Cromer far western access ramp
- Frontage 2B completed at Mundesley, with sectional handover to NNDC
- Concreting works have commenced on frontage 6 at Mundesley
- The Fisheries Liaison and Coexistence Plan has been discharged for Mundesley - meaning rock can now be delivered at Mundesley – planned to commence in mid-July 2024.

Repairs and Maintenance – recent works include:

- Overstrand revetment repairs
- Pre-season works: repairs to accesses
- Sheringham groyne repair works
- Overstrand prom clearance
- Sheringham handrail repairs

Coastwise

In May, the property that had become imminently at risk of loss to coastal erosion in Trimingham, was demolished. This was a challenging issue and needed to be tackled sensitively. The demolition all went according to plan and media coverage was overwhelmingly responsible.

The Coastwise initiative continues apace, with recent activity including:

- Completion of quantitative data analysis of the Coastwise survey, which will feature in the July Coastwise Cafes
- UEA Environment consultancy module projects with the Climate and Environment team
- appraisal of the blueprint of strategic coastal transition plan

- Continued meetings with Trimingham subcommittee and Happisburgh research group around coastal transition.

Petition submitted - Happisburgh

On 2nd July, the following petition was submitted to the Council:

'We call on North Norfolk District Council to stop relying on eroding cliffs to protect the Norfolk Broads and Happisburgh's homes and heritage and to be proactive in asking the next government for funding for defences at Happisburgh'

The petition was checked in line with the Council's Petition Scheme and had a total of 322 signatories. Of these, 126 were from North Norfolk residents, 75 were outside of North Norfolk, 97 were outside of Norfolk and 19 were illegible or provided insufficient information.

The petition did not meet the required thresholds for being reported to Overview & Scrutiny Committee or Full Council. The details will be logged on the Council's website, under 'Petitions submitted to the Council'.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Cromer and Mundesley

- Local Liaison Group meetings for both schemes to take place in July
- Rock deliveries to start in Mundesley
- Rock placement to continue in Cromer
- Delivery of rock ongoing at both locations until the end of September
- Concreting works ongoing at both locations
- Conditions to be discharged with the MMO regarding groyne works
- Coastal Monitoring Plan to be submitted to the MMO and Planning (for Mundesley only)

Coastwise

- Next phase of Coastwise Cafes to take place between 8th-18th July
- Happisburgh Car Park relocation tender to be awarded

Repairs and Maintenance

- Ongoing repairs to revetment at Sheringham
- Beacon works where possible.
- Concreting works at Sheringham
- Ongoing revetment repairs at Overstrand

3 Meetings attended.

April
2nd Project Board, Cromer and Mundesley Scheme

11th Broads Authority Navigation Committee
15th Cabinet & Business Planning
16th Coastwise Board
22nd Broadland Futures Initiatives
22nd Broads Authority Chairs Group
25th Upper Thurne Working Group
26th Broads Authority Planning Meeting
29th Business Planning
29th Meeting between Broads Authority and NNDC
30th Coastal Partnership East Board Meeting

May

1st LGA IDB SIG
7th Cromer Local Liaison Group
8th Mundesley Local Liaison Group
9th BA Chairs Briefing
10th Trimmingham house demolition Media Briefing
13th Cabinet
15th Full Council AGM
21st licensing Committee
22nd Norfolk Rivers IDB
23rd Nutrient Neutrality Briefing
24th BA Planning Committee.

June

4th & 5th Flood and Coast Conference
6th BA Navigation Committee
7th Broads IDB Working Party
11th CPE Board
12th IPACT West Runton
13th Broads IDB
13th IPACT at UEA
14th BA Heritage Working Group
19th Coastwise up-date
20th BA Chairs Briefing
21st BA Planning Committee
21st BA Standards Committee
24th Pre-Agenda Meeting
26th Coastwise Board
26th Wash & North Norfolk Management Plan