

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

25 September 2024

COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT – CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST

For the period July to September 2024

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Cllr Blathwayt has been appointed Chair of Coastal Partnership East and of The Broads Authority.

Coast protection works

The major Cromer and Mundesley (phase 2) Coastal Management Scheme programme has been progressing throughout the summer, including:

- Rock delivery and placement at Cromer and Mundesley
- Completion of Cromer western access ramp
- Ongoing concreting works in front of Mundesley lifeboat station.

Repairs and Maintenance

The following minor works can be reported:

- Steps to the beach in front of the Crown in Sheringham closed due to poor state of repair
- trip hazard on Sheringham East promenade repaired
- Beacons painted in Overstrand, Bacton, Trimingham, West Runton.
- Bacton to Ostend sea wall repairs
- East Runton ramp painted with anti-slip paint.

Coastal adaptation

The Coastwise initiative is progressing through the following activities:

- Results of the recent survey data are currently being analysed
- Second round of 'Coastwise Cafes' took place between 8th-18th July - report currently being written up
- Continued dialogue with key organisations in areas facing erosion risk, including Trimingham Parish Council Coastal Subcommittee and Happisburgh Research and Liaison Group, around coastal transition issues and options.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Cromer and Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme

- Concreting works to western end of Mundesley promenade
- Continued rock placement in both locations

- Cromer site office will begin to be dismantled as the main Cromer work nears completion.

Coastwise

- Next phase of 'Coastwise Cafes' to be planned for November
- Members drop in to take place on 25th September from 15:00 - 17:00
- Happisburgh Car Park relocation - professional services tender awarded and pre-construction activities underway.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Post-season inspections
- Beeston sea wall concreting works
- Happisburgh car park preparation for rollback and stockpiling.

3 Meetings attended

June 26th – Coastwise Board meeting
 26th – Wash, North Norfolk Marine Partnership
July 2nd – Cromer and Mundesley Scheme Board
 2nd – Coastwise Transitional Planning
 8th – Cabinet and Business Planning
 9th – Norfolk Coastal Partnership Briefing
 9th – Broads Authority Chairs Meeting
 11th – Broads Authority Site Visits
 10th – Coastwise Board
 10th – B.A. Statement of accounts training
 10th – Cromer Liaison Group Meeting
 17th – LGA Coastal SIG
 17th – Mundesley Liaison group Meeting
 18th – Coastal Forum Field Trip
 18th – LGA Water Quality SIG
 18th – LGA IDB Funding SIG
 18th – BA Chairs Group Briefing
 19th – BA Planning Committee
 19th – Coastal Issue Arising meeting
 24th – Full Council
 25th – Norfolk Coastal Partnership.
 26th – Broads Authority Members Board
 29th – Business Planning.
 30th – Norfolk Coastal Partnership Group Meeting
 31st – BA Chair briefing.
August – 1st Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance
 5th – Cromer Asset Viewing
 6th – Cromer and Mundesley Board
 8th – BA CEO Briefing
 12th – NCP Chairs Catch Up
 14th – Cromer Beach Access Meeting
 16th – BA Planning Committee
 19th – Mundesley Work meeting

22nd – BA CEO Catch up

27th – Cabinet Pre-Agenda and Business Planning

29th – BA CEO Catch up

29th – Norfolk Coastal Partnership CMG Meeting

30th – MAG 002 Broads Flooding