

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

29 November 2024

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For the period September to October 2024

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Coast protection works

The major Cromer (phase 2) and Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme programme has been progressing in accordance with the programme. Activity over this period has included rock delivery and emplacement and concreting works. Monitoring has been undertaken to satisfy consenting conditions and local stakeholders have been informed of activity throughout.

Despite challenges, due in part to delays resulting from adverse weather conditions, the scheme remains on budget. This has been managed by rescoping and identifying more cost-efficient ways of certain elements of the scheme being achieved. The funding position was further impacted by delays to consents (pre-construction) and the withdrawal of expected funding from Anglian Water for the Mundesley Scheme (which amongst other things will defend one of its key assets).

Repairs and Maintenance

The following minor works can have been undertaken in this period:

- access maintenance works
- Beeston sea wall concreting works
- Trinity House beacon inspections
- Sheringham steps repairs
- Overstrand revetement repairs.

Coastal Adaptation

The Coastwise initiative is progressing through the following activities:

- analysis of the Coastwise survey is being completed and will be shared at the November Coastwise Café events, and shared online
- a funding and finance workshop with key Environment Agency representatives to develop ideas and opportunities on future funding for coastal adaptation going being planned
- the Council has partnered with Norfolk and Waveney Mind to fund a project providing opportunities to explore and support wellbeing in communities facing the impacts of coastal erosion.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Cromer and Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme

- Ongoing concreting and rock placement at Mundesley
- Completion of rock placement and access improvement works at Cromer
- Cromer site office will begin to be dismantled as the main Cromer work nears completion (a smaller compound will remain until the Mundesley part of the scheme is completed).

Coastwise

- Work is progressing to replace Happisburgh Car Park, including design and discharge of planning conditions and purchase of land.
- November Coastwise Café public events confirmed in Overstrand, Trimmingham, Happisburgh and West Runton.
- Launching a 'Coastwise Creative' competition to support new and innovative approaches for communicating coastal erosion issues, with entries from local creatives.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Beacon repairs and maintenance (across the whole frontage).
- Continuation of post-season inspections.
- Continuation of Happisburgh car park rollback.

3 Meetings attended

September 2nd – Meeting of the Cabinet regarding Comms.

3rd – Cromer and Mundesley Board Meeting

4th – Broads Local access Forum

5th – Broads Authority Navigation Committee

6th – BA Site Visit for proposed TPO.

9th – Cabinet and Business Planning.

10th – LGA IDB Funding SIG

12th – BA CEO/Chair Briefing.

13th – BA Planning Committee.

17th – Ilfracombe,

18th – LGA Coastal SIG Field Trip

19th – AGM

20th – Broads Authority Board Meeting

20th – Broads Nature Recovery Strategy update.

23rd – Cabinet pre agenda and Business Planning.

24th – Northumberland,

25th-26th – National Parks Conference

October 1st – Cromer and Mundesley Board.

2nd – Coastwise Catch up.

2nd – LGA IDB SIG

3rd – Broads Authority and Broads Society Leaders Meeting.

3rd – Broads Authority and NNDC Leaders Meeting.

4th – The Ant Catchment, Broads and Marshes Briefing

7th – Cabinet and Business planning
8th – BA Tolls Workshop and Briefing.
8th – LGA IDB Funding SIG reception house of Commons
10th – Workshop Norfolk Coast Wildlife Recovery Programme.
10th – BA CEO/Chair Briefing.
10th – Norfolk coast Dark Skies Launch.
11th – BA Planning Committee.
14th – Broadland Future Initiative Forum
15th – Coastwise Board
15th – CPE Board Meeting
16th – BA CEO/Chairs Briefing
18th – LGA Coastal Sig Learning Lunch
21st – Pre-Cabinet. Business Planning.
21st – Natural England Reception at House of Lords.
22nd – Cromer Liaison Group
23rd – Mundesley Liaison Group
24th – Broads IDB
25th – Built Heritage and Planning Policy Working Party Briefing to Cabinet
29th – BA/ NSBA leaders Meeting
30th – Climate Change Targets Workshop.
31st – NCP Catch-up
31st – BA CEO/Chair catch-up.