

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

18 December 2024

COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT – CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST

For the period November 2024

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Coast protection works

Activity over this period has included the completion of the rock delivery in both Cromer and Mundesley and completion of construction of the rock defences in Cromer. Consequently, plant and machinery has been removed from the beach in Cromer. Rock placement is ongoing at Mundesley along with concreting works. Successful Local Liaison Group meetings were held on 22nd and 23rd October with very positive feedback from both groups.



Repairs and Maintenance works completed at Overstrand, Sheringham, Cromer, West Runton, Weybourne and Happisburgh. Floodgate inspections carried out. Potholes filled in at Vale Road (west of Mundesley) and at Ostend. Repairs to beacons along the coastal frontage.

Coastwise

- Phase 3 of the Coastwise Café drop-ins comprised events in Overstrand, Trimmingham, Happisburgh and West Runton. A report will be produced on the matters that came to light at these, and the issues of relevance to coastal adaptation and transition planning will be fed into the Coastwise programme.

- Work has been commissioned by consultant Jacobs, on assessing the performance of the rock berm and ramp at Happisburgh future options.
- The MIND sUStain project held its first meeting on 25th October in Happisburgh.
- In partnership with Norfolk Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG) a workshop was held on 21st November with farmers and landowners in at-risk areas.



2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Cromer and Mundesley Coastal Management Scheme

- Ongoing concreting and completion of rock placement at Mundesley
- Completion of access improvement works at Cromer
- Timber groyne reinstatement works at both Cromer and Mundesley
- Demobilisation of Cromer works site office at Runton Road (a smaller compound will remain until the Mundesley part of the scheme is complete).

Coastwise

- Work with Happisburgh Primary School to produce stop-motion videos on coastal processes (in progress).
- Starting work on refreshing and updating the Council's coastal webpages.
- Finalise work on an interactive map, showing Coastwise activities, by location.

- Further develop concepts for addressing residential properties at risk in the medium to longer term.

Bacton Sandscaping

- Monitoring agreement to be signed and sent out to all parties.

3 Meetings attended

November

- 1st – Public flood meeting for Hickling Ward
- 4th – Cabinet and Business Planning
- 5th – Norfolk Coastal Forum
- 5th – Marine Management Organisation Workshop for the East Coast Marine Plan Launch
- 5th – BA Chairs pre- Boat Toll Meeting.
- 6th – Cromer and Mundesley Board Meeting
- 7th – BA Navigation Committee
- 7th – BA Meeting with North Norfolk MP
- 8th – BA Planning Committee
- 8th – BA Meeting with Great Yarmouth Borough Council Leader and CEO
- 12th – BA Planning Design Quality Training
- 13th – Joint Coastal Management Group meeting
- 14th – BA Chairs catch up
- 18th – Business Planning
- 19th – Overstrand Coastwise Café
- 19th – LGA Coastal SIG Welcome Meeting for new Councillors
- 20th – Broads Local Access Forum
- 20th – Full Council
- 21st – BA CEO Briefing
- 23rd – Happisburgh Coastwise Café
- 25th – Leader and CEO meeting re Public Convenience with Potter Heigham PC.
- 26th – West Runton Coastwise Café
- 27th – BA Risk Audit and Governance Committee
- 28th – Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance Meeting
- 28th – Chairs pre-Board Briefing
- 29th – BA Full Board.