

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period December 2024 to February 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Funding and Programmes

As the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF) programme moves towards its conclusion, it is crucial that all projects are completed before the end of the financial year, and that the funds are spent. The list of community projects completed as a result of that funding is provided below.

- About with Friends (building refurbishment for community café/bistro)
- North Walsham and Dilham Canal (improving recreational infrastructure and access)
- Sheringham Community hub – (building improvements at YESU)
- Sheringham Museum (displays & space for schools & groups to use)
- East Anglian Cruising Club (River Thurn – club house facility)
- North Norfolk Community Transport (electric minibus)
- Colby and Banningham PC (play space equipment)
- Cromer Art Space (building/energy improvements)
- North Walsham Rugby Club (floodlights)
- North Norfolk Railway (improvements to site for efficiency/flexibility)
- New Life Church (community hub)
- Fakenham Tennis Club (new playing surface)

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

As part of the Council's Business Engagement Programme there will be a number of key events that support those involved in culture and tourism. The first of these is a workshop at Sheringham Little Theatre on 27th March with local businesses and organisations in the creative industries.

3 Meetings attended

- Planning for Creative Workshop (with CAS, VNN)
- VNN Presentation with neighbouring districts – Broadland and South Norfolk, Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and Breckland.
- Cromer Artspace Advisory Forum (Jan 28)
- Opening of Cromer Art Space Building (Feb 7th)