

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 March 2025

COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST

For the period February to March 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Cromer and Mundesley Coastal Protection Schemes

- The completion of the Cromer scheme was held on 5th February. Some minor 'snagging' and 'making good' operations remain to be completed at the time of writing
- Concreting works at the west promenade and apron and below Ship Inn steps to the toilet block (facilitated by temporary closure of parts of Mundesley promenade)
- Monitoring the impacts of the rock stockpile at Mundesley has commenced, in accordance with the consenting conditions, and the first report has been submitted to Natural England



Coastwise

- Purchase of site of the former Manor Caravan Park in Happisburgh is complete.
- Research relating to clifftop located graveyards is progressing, with a workshop planned to gather and analyse issues
- Coastwise Creative Competition winners confirmed with exhibition in March.

- Participated in the Norwich Science Festival in collaboration with UEA, 'Going Coastal'.



Coastwise Creatives Individual Winner - 'If my home could fly.'

Repairs and Maintenance

- Beach debris clearance in Sheringham
- Repairs to groynes 2a and 2b in Cromer
- First phase of removal of cliff material containing Japanese Knotweed from the sea wall at Overstrand
- Construction of access steps for Overstrand
- Decision taken to close Coast Path along the sea wall at Overstrand due to continued encroachment of cliff slips and hazardous conditions for pedestrians

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Cromer and Mundesley Coastal Protection Schemes

- Ongoing concreting works at Mundesley.
- Groyne plant bays in Cromer to be reinstated.

Coastwise

- Procurement of construction contractor for the replacement car park in Happisburgh

- Coastwise Creative Competition exhibition launch in March
- Procurement of consultant to formulate community coastal erosion transition plans

Repairs and Maintenance

- Steps between beach and top of sea wall to be installed at Overstrand
- Repairs to groynes 1 and 2 in Cromer
- 'Pre-season' inspections to commence

3 Meetings attended

February 2025

3rd Cabinet and Business Planning

4th Cromer and Mundesley Schemes Board

5th Coastwise Board and Cromer Scheme Completion celebration

6th Broads Authority leadership meetings

7th Broads Authority planning Committee

10th CPE Board Meeting

11th Broads Authority Risk, Audit & Governance Committee. LGA IDB Funding SIG. Members Devolution Briefing.

13th Mutford Lock Refurbishment, on site visit.

14th Coastwise Creative Panel Judging

17th Cabinet Pre-Agenda & Business Planning.

19th Full Council.

20th NCP Chairs Catch up. BA CEO meeting

25th Meeting with Adrian Ramsey MP.

26th Training Risk Management

27th Broads Authority devolution briefing