

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**23 July 2025**

### **COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period April to July 2025

#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

##### **Cromer and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme**

- Mundesley main works were completed in May 2025. The contractor, Balfour Beatty, has demobilised and the scheme completion was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- The Coastal Monitoring Plan submitted to the MMO and Planning - a post construction condition - has been discharged. The condition requires up to ten years monitoring following the completion of the temporary rock stockpile.
- In Cromer, minor 'snagging' and 'making good' works have been completed.

##### **Coastwise**

- Work has started on Community Transition Plans, with contractors being appointed and kick off meetings attended.
- The Coastwise Creative Competition exhibition took place between March and May, with subsequent follow up requests for the exhibition to visit local libraries.
- Coastwise co-lead the national Coastal Practitioner conference, hosted in Cromer. There was significant interest from practitioners around adaptation and coast protection projects in North Norfolk. Chloe Suttle represented the team at an 'early careers' panel session.
- The latest (fourth) series of Coastwise Cafés took place in June at Overstrand, Trimingham and Happisburgh. One of the events was held at Happisburgh school hall during school pick-up time, which proved to be a good way to reach more residents.

##### **Overstrand**

- The Cabinet paper for the proposed coast protection works was approved in March 2025, funding applications are in train, having received notice that a budget allocation has been made by the Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, subject to approval of the Outline Business Case (OBC).
- Investigation into Procurement Routes and drafting the consultants brief for supporting the OBC, detailed design and contractor tender documents is ongoing.
- Quotes are being obtained for the removal of material that has slipped onto the top of the sea wall; some of which is contaminated with Japanese knotweed (invasive species).
- Methods of dealing with the Japanese knotweed that is currently on the cliff are being investigated, but this is a complex area in which to work due to the instability of the cliffs.

### Repairs and Maintenance

- All pre-season works required on our coastal assets within the District have been completed, including repairs and maintenance to access slopes and steps where required.
- Cromer Pier – fabrication of pier tie bars.
- Removal of timber plant bay on East Runton beach.
- Cromer groynes – making safe and removal of the temporary concrete ‘Lego’ blocks from the plant bays.
- Remedial works completed to access slope at East Runton following wash out from heavy rainfall.
- Removal of the now redundant Landscaping information signs.
- Remedial works completed to outfall drain at Weybourne.
- Floodgate inspections and ongoing maintenance as required.

## 2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

### Coastwise

- Progress on community transition plans in Weybourne, Overstrand, Trimingham, Walcott & Bacton, and Happisburgh will be driven forward by community groups and facilitated by contractors.
- Members of the Coastwise team will be attending and presenting at EELGA Net Zero and Climate Change workshop on 16th July.
- The final report on Graveyards at erosion risk is expected soon.

### Repairs and Maintenance

- Sheringham promenade repair works.
- Cromer groyne repairs.
- Beeston Bump infill of void behind seawall.
- Overstrand west revetment repairs.

## 3 Meetings attended

Date 2025	NNDC	Broads Auth	Virtual	In Person	Description
28/02	x	x	x		CEO catch up
02/03	x		x		Coastwise Catchup
03/03	x			x	Cabinet & Business Planning
04/03	x			x	Cromer Mundesley Scheme Board
05/06	x		x		Overstrand Catchup
Ditto		x		x	Broads Local Access Forum
Ditto	x		x		Norfolk Coastal Meeting
06/03		x	x		CEO Catch up
07/03		x		x	Planning Committee
10/03	x		x		Quarterly MP Coastal Catchup
11/03	x		x		Norfolk Coastal Forum
12/03		x		x	Norwich LGR presentation

13/03		x	x		Full Board Prep Meeting
14/03		x		x	Full Board Meeting
ditto		x		x	BA Appraisals
17/03	x			x	Cabinet pre agenda & Business planning
18/03	x		x		Training
19/03	x			x	Full Council
20/03	x	x	x		CEO Catchup
21/03		x	x		Heritage Asset Review Group
26/03	x		x		Coastwise Catchup
ditto	x			x	Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance
27/03	x		x		Norfolk Coastal Partnership
28/03	x			x	Coastwise Creative Judging
31/03	x			x	Cabinet & Business Planning
April	NNDC	Broads Auth	Virtual	In Person	Description
02/04	x		x		Coastwise Catchup
03/04		x		x	Navigation Committee
04/04		x		x	Planning Committee
08/04	x		x		Coastal SIG Field Trip Discussion
ditto	x		x		Blakeney Harbor/Coastal Feasibility Project
09/04	x			x	Treasury management training
10/04	x		x		Coastal SIG Field Preparation Meeting
22/04	x			x	Cabinet & Pre Planning
23/04	x		x		Coastal SIG Field Trip Themes
24/04		x		x	Upper Thurne Working Group
ditto	X		X		Norfolk Coastal Catchup
25/04		x	x		Leaders Catchup
28/04		x	x		Chairs Group Meeting
29/04	x			x	Coastwise Board
29/04		x		x	National Parks Peak District (3 day) Conference
MAY	NNDC	Broads Auth	Virtual	In Person	Description
06/05	x			x	Cabinet. Cromer Mundesley Board
07/05	x		x		Norfolk Coastal Partnership Strategy meeting
08/05	x			x	Broadland Futures.
ditto		x	x		Board Preparation Meeting
09/05		x		x	Board Meeting
13/05	x			x	Coastal Practitioners Conference
ditto		x	x		Leaders Catchup
14/05	x			x	Coastal Practitioners Conference
15/05		x	x		DEFRA Appointments meeting
19/05	x		x	x	George Freeman MP Private Members Bill meeting.
20/05		x		x	National Parks Meeting
ditto	x		x		Anglia water strategy meeting. Coastal community resilience presentation prep meeting
21/05		x	x		CEO catchup

<b>ditto</b>	x			x	Full Council
<b>22/05</b>	x			x	Norfolk Coastal Partnership AGM
<b>ditto</b>		x	x		Management team Briefing
<b>27/06</b>		x	x		Leaders catchup
<b>28/06</b>	x		x		Coastwise catchup
<b>29/05</b>	x		x		Coastal SIG Terms of reference meeting
<b>30/05</b>		x		x	Planning Committee
<b>June</b>	<b>NNDC</b>	<b>Broads</b>	<b>Virtual</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>02/06</b>	x			x	Cabinet & Business Planning
<b>03/06</b>	x			x	Norfolk Strategic Flood Alliance
<b>ditto</b>		x	x		CEO catchup
<b>04/06</b>	x			x	Flood and Coast Conference Telford
<b>05/06</b>		x	x		Leaders meeting
<b>ditto</b>	x			x	Broads IDB
<b>06/06</b>		x		x	Directors Interviews
<b>09/06</b>		x		x	Post interview meeting
<b>10/06</b>	x			x	Cromer Mundesley Board
<b>12/06</b>	x			x	Coastwise café, Trimmingham. Members briefing on LGR
<b>13/06</b>		x		x	Heritage asset review group
<b>16/06</b>	x			x	Coastwise grant applications
<b>17/06</b>	x		x		Anglia water meeting
<b>17/06</b>		x		x	Sailability 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration
<b>18/06</b>	x		x		Coastal SIG Quarterly meeting
<b>19/06</b>	x		x		Coastal SIG Water Quality Summit
<b>ditto</b>		x	x		CEO catchup
<b>23/06</b>	x			x	Pre-cabinet & Business planning
<b>25/06</b>		x	x		DEFRA Public Appointments Interviews
<b>26/06</b>		x	x		ditto
<b>27/06</b>		x		x	New member induction
<b>ditto</b>		x	x		DEFRA Public Appointments Interviews