

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 September 2025

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For the period July to September 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Cromer and Mundesley

- Celebration event, marking the completion of the Mundesley coast protection scheme held on 8th July
- Final Environment Agency Grant in Aid funding for both schemes received
- RFCC funding for the scheme is at the final assurance stage of approval; responding to questions as raised by EA.
- Cromer and Mundesley Scheme won the best “Large Infrastructure Project” Award at the Regional ICE awards ceremony.



Overstrand

- Report on dealing with the knotweed went to Cabinet on the 8th of September and all recommendations were approved. Engagement and communications now being undertaken and process are gearing up for autumn mobilisation to remove slip material, reinforce the slump and initial spray of the knotweed

- Have completed design phase for cliff stabilisation works
- Have received and are reviewing consultants' proposal for detailed design and tender documents for contractors to undertake the coast protection works.

Coastwise

- Coastwise Community Transition Plans: activities in communities facilitated by appointed contractors now underway
- Tenders for construction of Happisburgh Car Park relocation are currently being appraised and appointment will be made soon
- Presentations to local geography teachers on coastal adaptation and transition were well received and will assist with the development of further educational resources
- NCC Highways team are now taking forward traffic surveys to support wider work regarding future highways preparedness for erosion.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Infill of cracks in Happisburgh ramp.
- Repairs to steps at East Runton following wash out.
- Repairs in Cromer to Groyne 2 and steps over groynes.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Mundesley

- In discussions with Balfour Beatty regarding arrangements for 'sweeping' of Mundesley beach to remove any remaining rock debris
- Monitoring of impacts of Mundesley stockpile, in accordance with consent conditions.

Overstrand

- Submission of Outline Business Case for funding for refurbishment of sea defences.
- Appointment of consultant for design of Overstrand scheme
- Preparation and then clearance of cliff material on top of the sea wall, including the licensed disposal of that containing knotweed
- Preparation for and implementation of cliff stabilisation measures
- Appointment of contractor to apply herbicidal spray on knotweed.

Coastwise

- Appointment of Happisburgh Car Park contractor
- Further work on the formulation of Community Transition Plans
- Appraisal and development of options relating to at-risk residential properties.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Repairs to groyne 2a in Cromer.

3 Meetings attended

Date	NNDC	Broads Authority	Virtual	In Person	Description
02-Jul	X		X		Portfolio holders update
03-Jul		X		X	Sites Visit
04-Jul		X	X		CEO weekly meeting
07-Jul	X			X	Pre Cabinet and Business planning
08-Jul		X	X		National Parks England Chairs Meeting
08-Jul	X			X	Mundesley Celebration
09-Jul		X		X	Member review
10-Jul		X	X		CEO weekly update
10-Jul	X			X	Broadland Futures
14 & 15/7		X		X	National Parks England Workshop
16-Jul	X		X		Housing Briefing
17-Jul	X			X	Norfolk strategic flood alliance
17-Jul	X		X		LGA Coastal SIG
17-Jul		X		X	CEO Weekly meeting
18-Jul		X		X	Planning Committee
22-Jul	X		X		Portfolios catch up
22-Jul	X			X	Media Interview
23-Jul		X		X	RAG Committee
23-Jul	X			X	Full Council
24-Jul	X			X	Planning Committee
24-Jul	X		X		Norfolk Coastal Partnership meeting
24-Jul		X	X		Pre Committee meeting
25-Jul		X		X	AGM Board Meeting
29-Jul	X		X		LGA IDB Funding SIG
31-Jul		X	X		CEO weekly meeting
04-Aug		X	X		meeting
07-Aug		X	X		CEO Weekly meeting
12-Aug	X		X		Coastwise specific subject meeting
15-Aug	X			X	Coastwise media interview
19-Aug		X		X	NP England Chair visit and tour
20-Aug		X	X		Recruitment meeting
21-Aug		X	X		CEO weekly briefing
27-Aug	X			X	Pre Cabinet and Business planning
28-Aug	X		X		Norfolk Coastal Partnership Catchup
28-Aug		X	X		CEO weekly briefing
29-Aug		X		X	New Members full day induction