

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

17 December 2025

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For the period November to December 2025

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Coastwise

- Environment & Rural Affairs (EFRA) committee call for evidence: NNDC submitted evidence and the Coastwise Manager was invited to present to the Committee on matters relating to the impacts of our eroding coast, and the activities led by the Council in response to it. The questions were very pertinent, and the discussion well focussed on the matters that are of concern locally. The report of the session is eagerly awaited.
- Multiple events held in November for the formulation of Community Transition Plans. The final presentation of transition plans across all six locations will be complete by mid-December.
- Holiday Park Adaptation Assessment: contract has been awarded and work is underway.
- A project to include 'coastal literacy' information on Electronic Information Points is being developed alongside the Economic Growth team's initiative.

Coastal Works

Overstrand

- Works at the toe of the cliff in Overstrand to help reduce the instability by retaining structures and drainage have been undertaken. This has been coupled with the removal of material that has slipped onto the top of the sea wall. Access to the public along the path is still restricted while the stability of the cliff is monitored and the safety of the path is evaluated.
- The Outline Business Case for funding from the Environment Agency towards the Coastal Management Scheme – to refurbish the sea defences - has been completed and questions responded to.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Post-season inspections of all accesses.
- Repairs to steps and accesses in Sheringham, Mundesley and Overstrand.
- Repairs to Mundesley fisherman hardstand area.
- Repairs to navigation beacons in Overstrand.
- Repairs to revetment in Bacton.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Coastwise

- Overstrand water management work will be underway.
- Demolitions of most at risk properties.
- Commencement of Happisburgh Car Park construction

Overstrand

- Trial holes to be dug along Overstrand sea wall to investigate below-beach condition of sheet piles.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Repairs to Cromer sea wall.
- Floodgate inspections.

3 Meetings attended

November 2025	NNDC	Broads Authority	In Person	Virtual	Description
3rd	X		X		Cabinet
3rd		X	X		Presentation Norwich CC Labour group
5th	X		X		Beach Walk Mundesley PC
5th		X		X	National Parks England AGM
6th		X	X		Navigation Committee
7th		X	X		Planning Committee
10th	X		X		Business Planning
11th	X			X	Coastal Forum
13th	X		X		Broads IDB
17th	X		X		Cabinet pre agenda
18th	X		X		Standards Committee
19th		X		X	Broads local Access Forum
20th	X			X	Joint Landscape/Wash Group
21st	X		X		Coastwise Board
25th		X	X		Risk Audit Governance Committee
26th	X			X	Coastwise Catch Up
27th		X	X		CEO interviews
28th		X	X		BA Board