

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

22 July 2026

COUNCILLOR HARRY BLATHWAYT - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST

For the period June to July 2026

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Coastwise

- Attended national 'Flood and Coast' conference to share evidence of our local community transition planning approach and the learning that has come from it.
- A member briefing drop-in was held on 17th June.
- Drainage survey and infiltration tests have been undertaken at Lighthouse Lane, Happisburgh to satisfy Highways concerns and enable the completion of the rolled-back Happisburgh car park.
- The team supported a project that delivered beach and museum sessions with Cromer Academy, covering coastal change and climate change impacts on cliffs, as well as the Deep History Coast and exploring habitats including the chalk reef.

Overstrand

- Steel sheet piles to be used in scheme were delivered to the Runton Road car park in Cromer over several days. Over the following week these sheet piles were moved to the compound at the bottom of Clifton Way in Overstrand, ready for the commencement of the refurbishment works to the sea wall.
- The works construction contract has been awarded to JN Bentley, and construction will start as soon as feasible.
- Positive conversations have continued with the Parish Council and local stakeholders, to ensure information is available as construction starts.

Repairs and Maintenance

- Significant repairs to Groyne 1 in Cromer (the 'Banksy' groyne) and Groyne 2 ('Doctor's' groyne).
- Repairs to sheet piles below beach huts at east end of Cromer.
- Repairs to handrail at the east end of Sheringham.
- Repairs to the Weybourne pond.
- Repairs to Overstrand Clifton Way beach access ramp.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Coastwise

- Coastwise are holding their next drop-in events to seek agreement and take forward prioritised actions from the Coastal Transition Plans, developed by the community in Happisburgh and Trimmingham:
 - Church Rooms, Happisburgh on Wednesday 15th July from 3-7pm
 - Trimmingham Hall in Trimmingham on Friday 17th July from 3-7pm
- Preparation for an updated business case for the Coastal Adaptation Pilot funding.
- Report submitted to the Eastern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee to be considered at its next meeting; this seeks match funding for each of the proposed Coastal Adaptation Pilots in the region.

Overstrand

- Construction will begin on Coastal Management Scheme (precise date to be confirmed).

Repairs and Maintenance

- Revetment works at the following locations: Mundesley, Bacton, Ostend, and Overstrand.

3 Meetings attended

Date 2026	NNDC	BA	Physical	Virtual	Description
June 1st	X		X		Cabinet & Business Planning
3rd	X		X		Coastwise Board
4th			X		Broads IDB
5th		X		X	Strategic Planning for Broads Plan
9th		X	X		Broads Plan, Board Workshop
16th		X	X		Broads Plan, Navigation Workshop
17th	X		X		Full Council
18th	X		X		LGA Coastal SIG
22nd	X		X		Business Planning
23rd		X	X		Chairs Group
24th		X	X		Royal Norfolk Show
29 th 30th		X	X		National Parks UK Chairs Forum (South Downs NP)