

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### **COUNCILLOR LLOYD - CABINET MEMBER FOR**

For the period May 2019 to June 2019

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

##### **Environmental Services**

The direct debits for Garden Bin were successfully collected. This is the first time that we have automatically collected the subscription following the introduction of this form of payment last year. Approximately 13,500 customers have signed up for direct debit payment method.

The number of trade waste customers has increased by 34 since the beginning of May, this is partly due to the work undertaken by the team around holiday let properties who received a household collection and in part due to the efforts of the team to attract new businesses to move their waste contract to the Council.

The team has been responding to the reports of Palm Oil being washed up onto beached along the North Norfolk coast. In conjunction with Kier, the Contractor for street and beach cleansing, they have arranged for the speedy removal of reported deposits and proactive monitoring of the beaches to remove material which has washed up on each tide.

Work on developing more community fridges has been taking place with officers working with a group in North Walsham to facilitate a site and management arrangements for a new Community Fridge.

##### **Civil Contingencies**

The Palm Oil which has been washing up along the North Norfolk coast is classified as a marine pollution incident and as such the team have been working with other agencies to ensure the messages that are being provided to the public are consistent and appropriate

The large sinkhole which opened up at the bottom end of Sheringham High Street has taken a significant amount of the team's time over recent weeks predominantly in coordinating with partner agencies and making sure the public, local businesses and other stakeholders are informed and looking to the minimising the potential impact on future community events such as the Carnival

The Team provided event planning for the recent local and European elections

##### **Environmental Protection**

Interim injunction obtained for persistent ASB

The team have issued two Fixed Penalty Notices for fly-tipping offences both of which have been paid.

The Dogs on Leads and Dogs banned signs have been erected on all the relevant beaches with stencils on the access points.  
A number of the Bagot Goats with their kids have been returned to the coastal slope in Cromer for the Summer

#### Combined Enforcement

The team are currently undertaking a Business Process Review looking at the data flows for Council Tax visits and Long Term Empty Properties  
There are several significant planning cases coming towards enforcement action.

#### Public Protection and Commercial

Several H&S prosecutions ongoing and a food prosecution which is taking lots of team's time in preparation.

## **2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

Subscription renewal letters are going out to all the non-direct debit Garden Bin customers over the coming weeks.

Recruitment process is underway for an Environmental Protection Manager following James Wilson's appointment to the Head of Environmental Services at Great Yarmouth

The signs for other dogs banned and dogs on leads for new and replacement PSPO's will be erected on a rolling programme in combination with an information and education campaign for each area.

A new range of merchandising for Goats on a Slope is being introduced to supplement the successful range that was used last year

Discussions are underway with the National Trust to pilot the use of some of the Bagot goat herd for conservation grazing in Inckleburgh hill in West Runton.

## **3      Meetings attended**

Portfolio holder briefing meetings with Head of Service on regular basis