

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

24 July 2019

COUNCILLOR G HAYMAN - CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMERCIALISATION

For the period June to July 2019

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Public convenience improvements – Works at Lushers Passage in Sheringham have now been completed and were re-opened in time for the Potty Festival held over the weekend of 6 and 7th of July.

The work programme for the remaining improvements (New Road – North Walsham, Stearmans Yard – Wells-next-the-Sea and Bridge Street – Fakenham) are currently being pulled together and will be advertised shortly. The designs are however currently being reviewed to ensure that all options for improving and making the most out of these assets have been considered.

The scheme is currently within the £600k budget originally approved and the tender prices will be monitored against the budget forecasts for the remaining works once received.

Cromer office roof works – the works to the glulam beams and roof glazing at the main administrative office in Cromer continue to progress well and the scaffolding to the southern elevation of the west wing has now been removed. The works commenced back in December and are scheduled to run for approximately 60 weeks with the project programme currently running on time despite some challenging weather conditions.

Stirling Road, Sculthorpe – the 2 properties previous acquired under a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) are being assessed to see if they can support the Council's housing aspirations in terms of local homes for local people.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Egmere – an update paper is scheduled to come forward to Cabinet in September.

New Road offices, North Walsham – an initial meeting has been held between Cabinet Members, local Members and officers to discuss a review

of the options in relations to the New Road site, including the potential disposal to Wetherspoons. A further meeting is scheduled to assess these options at the start of September following with a report will be presented to Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny for discussion.

Holt, Grove Lane – following the completion of the improvement works undertaken on the building by Fleur Developments a visit for Members is in the process of being arranged to be supported by a press release to support the improvement works undertaken.

Leases, licences, acquisitions and disposals – the current case load in respect of the Estates team is being reviewed to ensure that all pending property transactions provide best value for the Council and consider and take advantage of improved use of assets wherever possible.

3 Meetings attended

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.