

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **COUNCILLOR A FITCH-TILLET - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period July 2019 to September 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### **PROGRESS ON PORTFOLIO MATTERS.**

**REVETMENT REPAIRS AT WALCOTT RELOCATION OF ROCK ARMOUR  
AT HAPPISBURGH COMPLETE HAPPISBURGH RAMP RECUT  
COMPLETE EAST RUNTON RAMP IMPROVEMENT COMPLETE  
ONGOING OVERSIGHT OF RECENT CLIFF SLIPS**

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

##### **Recruitment**

Thomas Hayden has join the CPE Engineering Team managed by Tamzen Pope as a Coastal Engineer Apprentice.

##### **Project Updates**

Bacton to Walcott- The scheme has been delivered and will be officially launched on 20<sup>th</sup> September with a celebration event for partners and those who have been involved in the development of the scheme locally and internationally.

We have had relatively positive news coverage during and after construction in both the press and television including a recent Inside Out programme on the UK and Dutch Sand Engine projects. Social media has been positive.

CPE staff are commissioning a 'lessons learnt' review of the project to capitalise on the learning so we can share good practice and consider any challenges for further projects on the coast of this scale and nature.

Walcott NFRM project- (as per the July Report) this project has received funding from the RFCC to explore a 'set-back' solution for land affected by surface water flooding caused by wave over-topping at a coastal erosion frontage. CPE officers have worked closely with the local landowner to create a solution that will partially protect agricultural land and reduce the level of flooding to local residents properties. The work will be done in partnership with the Norfolk Rivers Internal Drainage Board who will carry out the work on our behalf- a great example of risk management authorities collaborating to deliver greater value for the taxpayer.

Tender documents for the detailed design phases of both Phase 2 of the

Cromer Coastal protection scheme and the Mundesley defence refresh are being developed. We are planning to issue these tender documents via the Dynamic Purchasing System developed by CPE in November subject to RFCC funding. We are also undertaking a review to see if any efficiencies can be realised by procuring the construction phase together.

### **Ongoing Maintenance and Repairs Update**

Significant repairs to the Overstrand timber revetment and groyne have been ongoing and concrete blocks have been incorporated into the revetment

Repair works to navigation beacons have been ongoing following inspections.

Ostend timber revetment repair have also been ongoing during this period.

We are in the process of developing a 10 year repair and maintenance programme.

### **Inspections and Maintenance update**

The team are now using the Asset Inspection Tool, which was developed by CPE, to assist with the completion and recording of our asset inspections. The first stages of the use will involve reviewing and amending our asset information which is now ongoing.

We are currently undertaking a detailed inspection of the visible sections of the Bacton and Walcott timber groynes and revetment. To aid swimmers, surfers and navigation we will be installing groyne markers by Spring next year to show the alignment of the groynes which are fully submerged at high tide.

We are benefitting from a Defra-funded Icarus project which is looking at the engagement and communication needs of communities at flood and coastal risk. They are working with CPE at Hemsby- and there will be shared learning opportunity through our coastal communities.

CPE are working with Assets team to obtain a MMO licence for works on Cromer Pier Legs. We have just received the draft licence.

A host of minor works throughout the system covered under MTC is ongoing.

### **Health and Safety and Incidents**

- Investigated the incident of someone being swept off access steps in Sheringham and got caught in the rocks. Inspection of the location highlighted that warning signs are present however it has been decided to add a couple of extra ones. We are also considering the installation of handrails down access steps – this requires inspection of all relevant steps and risk assessments to be undertaken.

- Minor injuries to two swimmers on the seaward ends of the existing groynes at Bacton – with the landward ends of the groynes no buried swimmers are no longer aware of where the groynes are particularly at high tide. Temporary groyne markers and warning signs have been installed by TVO and we are investigating permanent markers for installation in the near future.
- Significant landslide at Sidestrand – whilst not in the area that we actively manage, we have been supporting the landowner. There has been some damage to our timber revetment in front of this location and we have been undertaking some maintenance works to remove/repair damaged timbers.

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

Coastal Special Interest Group Field trip (SIG) 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> September  
 Bacton/Walcott Launch Ceremony 20<sup>th</sup> September  
 Closing Ceremony of Norfolk Coast Partnership Dark Skies Festival 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept  
 ICE Conference (CPE Officers) 24-26<sup>th</sup> September  
 Visit from the East Solent Coastal partnership Autumn/Winter (TBC)  
 Norfolk Coastal Futures Conference October 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Norfolk Coastal Futures Community event Oct 24<sup>th</sup>  
 CPE Board meeting Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

## **3 Meetings attended**

Hosted various tours of “Sand-scaping” project with a range of interested parties  
 Chaired The Sand-scaping Grants Panel  
 Chaired The Sand-scaping Community Liaison Meeting  
 Introduced the Norfolk Coast Partnership Dark Skies Festival