

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Culture

Arts & Culture Fund - budget remaining for this year: £28,511. The Grant Panel will meet in November to consider seven new applications, totalling £13,795.

As a result of our partnership with the Norfolk Music Hub and Orchestras Live to provide access to world class orchestral music and deliver associated education programs across the region, the Council supported a Concert as part of the Ludham festival. Sinfonia Viva performed at St Catherine's Church in Ludham on Friday 11th October. Sixty children from Ludham Primary School were invited to the orchestra's stage rehearsal prior to the concert and three members of the popular local band 'The Occasional Ceilidh Band' performed alongside Sinfonia's Viva's 20-piece chamber orchestra for the opening of Bartok's Romanian Folk Dances, which was a highlight of the evening's programme.

Pier Pavilion Theatre

The Pier Pavilion Theatre continues to operate successfully. The current attendance figures are:

Summer	+ 3.7% (this is the final Summer Show figure)
Concerts	-18.26%
Christmas	+16.7%
Hires	- 12.94%

Community & Wellbeing

Community Transport Fund - budget remaining for this year: £35,063. The Grant Panel will meet in November to consider four new applications, totalling £38,050.

North Norfolk Help Hub: Multi-agency engagement at the North Norfolk Help Hub continues to expand. Fortnightly multi-agency collaboration meetings held. Forty statutory and voluntary services are now part of the Hub network.

Social Prescribing

One hundred and four referrals for the three Living Well Officers were

received between 10/9/19 and 6/11/19. Total referrals since the service started on 4/6/18 stands at 861. This two-year pilot project is funded by NCC up until the to end June 2020.

Leisure

Sports and Leisure Facilities

The Council's sports and leisure facilities have had a good period. The September figures were above target with 40,520 visits.

Parkrun

Whilst the Council is the lead organisation of the Sheringham parkrun event, it is delivered via a model using volunteers, and it is an excellent example of making sport sustainable in the longer term.

The event enjoyed its 7th anniversary on Saturday 2 November. During those seven years the event has experienced significant growth and has accumulated a total of 2,681 registered runners with an average attendance of 144 runners each week. There has been a total of 362 events, with 9,972 different runners from 901 clubs taking part in 52,053 runs covering 260,265km.

Sports Development

The team are working closely with schools and community groups in order to engage with those hard-to-reach individuals that would not readily participate in sport and physical activity.

A tennis development plan has been formulated in collaboration with the local tennis network. Planning is underway to start delivery and bring new people into tennis.

Countryside

The countryside events held at Holt Country Park during the October half-term were very successful. There were 102 children participating in the Halloween trails and 53 attending pumpkin carving.

Mammoth Marathon

Work to organise the Mammoth Marathon continues to progress well. This event will be the first 'official' marathon held in Norfolk since 1990.

The marathon takes place on Sunday 17 May, with the full event starting at Sea Palling and the half at Mundesley. Both races finish at Sheringham High School. Entries opened on Friday 13 September and the full marathon event was fully subscribed in just over 24 hours. The half marathon was fully subscribed five weeks later.

Detailed project management is now taking shape in order to address organisational matters to ensure the event is successful for participants, spectators, local communities, local businesses and for the council.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

3 Meetings attended

I have attended a series of meetings in connection with the North Walsham Heritage Action Zone Project.

Rob Young and I met Andrew Smith and Dr. Robin Hanley from the Norfolk Museums Service in connection with the Cromer Museum on October 18. I also attended both the Joint Museums Committee and the Norfolk Records Committee on November 8.

On October 24 I attended Sheringham Little Theatre's board meeting.

On November 2nd Laura Blackwell and I met Brenda Seymour from the Norfolk Music Hub to discuss the future of music provision for the District.

There have been two Mammoth Marathon meetings since the last Council. I went to one of these on November 6.

There are also regular Health and Well Being Board meetings which I attend on behalf of North Norfolk.

