

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

20 November 2019

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For the period September to November 2019.

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCP) – in relation to the property aspects of this scheme the initial surveying works are due to be undertaken next week and the tenders will follow shortly after. The installation and commissioning of the works needs to be completed by the end of March.

Condition surveys – following a successful tender exercise the initial condition surveys are now starting to come back in. The first tranche covers the Council's chalets and these are currently being assessed so that a work programme can be established and tendered with a view to the majority of the works being undertaken early next year ahead of the start of the summer season.

Asset valuations – this contract has also now been let and works are underway to produce updated asset valuations for 2020/21.

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 with an anticipated completion date in March.

Public convenience improvement programme – the tender documents for the remaining schemes (New Road – North Walsham, Stearmans Yard – Wells-next-the-Sea and Bridge Street – Fakenham) are prepared and ready to be issued. 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 pier – the ongoing works to the pier and the re-roofing of the lower barrel vaults will now be suspended until the spring as we are now having to contend with shortening daylight hours, worsening weather conditions (unworkable wind speeds) and the Christmas show matinees will also shortly be upon us. The suspension will now see us through the worst of the winter

weather and allow the works to restart in the spring. The scaffolding will therefore be removed over the coming weeks. There will be no additional costs associated with the works.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

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 regarding the improvement works undertaken.

Leases, licences, acquisitions and disposals – the current case load in respect of the Estates team continues to be 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

Nothing further to report at the present time.