

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

February 2020

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For the period December 05th 2019 to February 26

PROGRESS ON PORTFOLIO MATTERS.

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Project Updates

Bacton to Walcott:

Sandscaping Lessons Leant process is underway seeking to capture the learning from the project to enable improvements/adopting good practice in NNDC/CPE and also sharing nationally and internationally.

CLIFF:

The Coastal Loss Innovative Funding and Finance (CLIFF) project, part funded by DEFRA is now completing the first phase. Marsh consulting have conducted interviews with key representative's of the insurance and finance sector. There appear to be some potential financial mechanisms we can explore further to help property owners most at risk or erosion. The LGA SIG support the project and have offered to contribute to the next stage along with a potential for funds to come from Lewes District Council who share our erosion issues. For further information, please contact Rob Goodliffe (Coastal Manager).

Mundesley and Cromer (Phase 2) Coastal Management Schemes:

Work underway to finalise tenders to seek design and environmental consultants to move forward these projects. Both schemes will explore the option to progress at the same time to seek efficiencies. Anticipated delivery is between 2021-2023 at a cost of approximately £6.5M together (to be finalised). Local liaison groups will be refreshed and CPE will be attended the Mundesley Parish Council meeting on February 24th..

Trimmingham House Caravan Park Cliff Slip

A cliff slip occurred at Trimmingham House Caravan Park, Gimingham at the start of the new year. The location was visited by the NNDC Resilience Manager, Senior Public Protection Officer and CPE Brian Farrow Senior Coastal Engineer alongside Norfolk Police and HM Coastguard. Caravans in use near the cliff were evacuated and the vans moved back onto land which was already consented for the rollback of the site. Adjacent residential properties were visited and the residents were informed of the slip. The nearby beach access point was temporarily closed and temporary beach signage was erected to inform beach users of potential hazards. Media and Social Media messages regarding beach safety were issued. The location is being visually monitored by the caravan park owners, residents and when appropriate the NNDC/CPE team. The team are learning from the positive way this incident was

managed by NNDC and CPE colleagues and are working with GYBC and ESC to develop a protocol that will be beneficial for future working in these situations.

Hemsby, Pakefield and Great Yarmouth

Although not in the NNDC district, it is relevant to report the CPE team have been busy involved with coastal erosion management issues at Hemsby and Pakefield and emerging longer term adaptation discussion are starting with Great Yarmouth Borough Council. The team have supported an Expression of Interest for up to £500k of funding for an Environment Agency Adaptive Approaches Frontrunners project in Great Yarmouth and if successful could generate additional resource for the team to help support the Environment Agency's work there.

Inspections and Maintenance update

Our Repairs and Maintenance (R&M) works are delivered by Renosteel and the Water Management Alliance through two term contracts with CPE. Our revenue works are designed primarily to extend the active working life of these structures in order to get best value for money or addressing any public health and safety hazards. During the winter months our maintenance contractors are busy undertaking repairs and maintenance to our structures around the coast.

Our inspection programme is in full swing. Additional inspections were undertaken following the intense rainfall recently to monitor any cliff falls and their impacts on our assets.

We are reviewing an offer made by Team Van Oord (TVO) to undertake regular inspections and maintenance works to remove any splinters and damage to our structures within the Sandscaping footprint.

There has been a lot of work undertaken to attain a 10 year revenue works licence from the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) for the CPE frontage. We have this for the NNDC frontage and are in discussion to get a licence for the whole CPE area. This will include the development and subsequent acceptance of an Archaeological Method Statement and Risk Assessments acceptable to Norfolk County Council Archaeological Unit.

The 10 year R&M programme will be in draft by the summer and the Operational team are also already planning the inspection programme for next year.

Broadland Futures Initiative

We have kept a light-touch involvement in the project to date mainly through Kellie Fisher as this is an EA led project. The BFI aims to consider all flood risk issues with Broadland and set out a strategy for managing those into the future. The project will consider fluvial river flooding, tidal flooding from Yarmouth and links to the Eccles to Winterton coastal frontage and Great Yarmouth flood management options for the future. Rob has agreed to be the CPE representative on this initiative going forward as it has significant links to Norfolk, adaptation and climate change.

Health and Safety and Incidents

No new issues identified/reported

Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Larissa Naylor- Glasgow University- Larissa will be undertaking interviews with a range of NNDC officers and members in February following work she has started in East Suffolk. Her research evaluates all the council's policies and considers to what extent we are acknowledging climate change, adaptation and sea level rise and what we are planning to do to mitigate or adapt. In ESC the work has already highlighted the need for coastal erosion and risk to be considered by wider teams including Housing, Regeneration, Tourism, Assets and Environmental Health. Outputs of this research will help strengthen council service plan policies on this important issue as we have declared a Climate Emergency.

Planning

NNDC Planning Policy and CPE following the earlier adoption of a Statement of Common Ground in relation to Planning Polies across the three authorities, will be looking to consider working together to develop a suitable Coastal Supplementary Planning Document.

To date in 2020 the CPE team have responded to nine planning consultations within the Coastal Erosion Constraint Area in the NNDC boundaries. Further work is ongoing on outstanding applications and pre-planning advice. Rob Goodliffe working with other NNDC teams lead by Geoff Lyon, Major Projects Manager of the Planning Team and Legal Advisor represented the Council at the Norfolk Boreas Offshore Wind – Issue Specific hearing with the Planning Inspectorate.

Diary Dates

3 Meetings Attended

- 17th January - RFCC, Ipswich
- 20th January - Broads Internal Drainage Board
- 20th January -Trimingham Parish Council
- 29th January - Live Interview with French TV Company in respect of Government Funding for Coastal Management
- 30th January - Sandscaping Celebration Dinner with Team Van Oord
- 31st January - CPE Board Meeting followed by Site visit to proposed Lowestoft Flood Prevention Scheme
- 4th February - Visit to Northrepps Primary School with Cllr Stockton and Norfolk Wildlife Trust
- 24th March - North Norfolk Coastal Forum