

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period December 2019 to February 2020

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Garden bin service reminder letters have been sent to customers who do not appear to have paid – also provides a data cleansing exercise in preparation for new contractor to take over.

Holiday homes that did not respond to informal requests to show they had duty of care in place for their waste are being followed up.

The community fridges continue to see good usage with 2,400kg in North Walsham of food prevented from going to waste disposal. A reminder that the community fridges are for everyone to use as their aim is to prevent food waste.

The Environmental Protection Team successfully applied for and executed a warrant in Stalham to remove noise making equipment, following witnessing a breach of a Noise Abatement Notice over the Christmas break. The team are currently considering the net steps in line with the enforcement policy.

A fly tipper was found guilty of knowingly causing or permitting the fly tip, by being the registered owner of the vehicle involved in the incident. He was ordered to pay £1,600 compensation to the farmer and £1,300 to us. A great result in court.

A successful bid to the Private Rented Sector Innovation and Enforcement Grant Fund led to the council being awarded £44,000. This will allow us to commission the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to undertake a stock condition survey. This will provide us with a better understanding of the condition of private rented homes in North Norfolk and allow the targeting of resources to support the Local Homes for Local Need priority.

Two of the Environmental Protection team have qualified as Drone Pilots. This is a useful skill to have in house and will hopefully be useful for survey larger sites etc.

Successful prosecution for dropping Littering in Cromer. They failed to pay the FPN but later decided to plead guilty in Court. That's one expensive cigarette end at £190!

Support was provided to Trunch Parish Council by the Rangers and Environmental Protection Manager during a well attend Parish Council Meeting, held to discuss Dog Fouling and Public Space Protection Orders.

Following the withdrawal of the Anglia Water Courier service for Private Water

Sampling, NNDC have been instrumental in securing an alternative courier service which we will share with Breckland, Broadland and South Norfolk.

The Resilience Team have supported the individuals and businesses affected by the large cliff fall at Trimmingham.

Reacted to a request from GYBC to investigate litter in a pill box close to the seal population at Horsey Resolved with Officer support

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

We expect to issue formal notices to owners of approximately 140 holiday home properties to require waste duty of care information in the coming weeks.

The nanny goats have been scanned and we are expecting the arrival of this year's kids in late February/early March.

3 Meetings attended

Attended the launch of a Green Party document - 'Energising the East' hosted by Catherine Howlett MEP

Visited the Splash architect to discuss opportunities for installing PV over the car park. A significant energy contribution to the operation of Splash is possible.

Visited Nottingham City Council environmental team to discuss solar projects. Opportunities for collaboration exist. Visited a car park covered in Photo Voltaic panels in Nottingham.

Attended a climate change forum hosted by APSE with Officers.

Attended a 'Managing Plastic Waste' Forum with Officers.

Hosted a local environmental Forum at NNDC focussed on Waste and Recycling.

Participated in an interview with Dr Larissa Naylor from the University of Glasgow, in collaboration with Coastal Partnership East, who is conducting research into coastal climate change adaptation.