

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 April 2021

COUNCILLOR V GAY - CABINET MEMBER FOR LEISURE & WELLBEING

For the period February to April 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters

Leisure Centres:

Throughout this latest lockdown our new leisure centre has taken shape and we are on course for a summer opening. In accordance with the Government's Covid roadmap, Fakenham Sports & Fitness Centre, Victory Swim & Fitness Centre and the gym at Cromer Academy will be reopening on Monday 12 April.

The demolition of the Splash leisure centre is now complete.

Pier Pavilion Theatre

The pier operator is planning to provide a normal Summer Show on the Pier this year. Whilst there are still some unknowns concerning Government restrictions, our Pier operator is planning an opening night for Saturday 17 July.

Beaches

The RNLI Lifeguards will be providing a full complement of beach patrols at our Blue Flag beaches. Patrols commence at Sheringham West, Cromer East, Mundesley and Sea Palling on Saturday 1 May. Patrols will then commence at Sheringham East, West Runton, East Runton and Cromer West on Saturday 3 July. News regarding this year's blue flag application issued on 14th May 2021.

Woodlands

Our woodlands have been extremely popular lately. At Holt Country Park our countryside team is renovating the sensory garden. The team is also working toward Whitsun activities and the return of volunteering at the country park. Markets

Only essential stalls have been operating at our markets at Cromer and Sheringham due to Covid guidelines. All of the other traders will return from Wednesday 14 April at Sheringham, and Friday 16 April at Cromer.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.
We are imminently expecting a visit from the Green Flag judges. The Green Flag process is a demanding one as North Norfolk must demonstrate not only that it has maintained standards at its Green Flag sites, but that it has also improved standards. Every year we are required to do better than the year before.
3 Meetings attended
On April 1st Cllr. Kershaw and I took part in a very inspiring tour of The Reef at Sheringham. I have also attended Overview and Scrutiny meetings in March and April in order to report to the Committee about the progress of the construction project for The Reef.