

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

July 2021

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For the period June 2021- July 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Leisure Centres

All leisure centres are continuing to perform well and visitor numbers returning remain relatively high. Everyone Active will look to fully reopen the facilities on Monday 19th July and will be lifting restrictions on gym numbers but continuing with bookings for swimming as this has proven an effective system for this activity.

Some Covid-19 related processes and procedures will remain in place at all sites, such as availability of sanitiser and screens on reception.

Beaches

We are approaching peak season for beach use and lifeguarding commenced on the 3rd of July at all Blue Flag beaches.

Countryside

All sites remain very busy and popular with visitor numbers remaining high. Volunteer groups re-established at 3 Green Flag sites (Holt Country Park, Pretty Corner and Saddlers Woods). There has been a social media campaign to promote this and encourage more volunteers to take part.

A programme of summer events has now been established and advertised. This is the first proper events programme since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It is the teams understanding that Green Flag mystery shops are now taking place. This is later than expected, with unconfirmed rumours of an October announcement.

Pier Pavilion Theatre

The opening night of the Pier Pavilion show is set to be the 19th of July and the show will run until the 2nd of October.

Sports Development

The team continues to provide a mix of virtual and real life classes for those that need it most, including yoga, Pilates, yoga on the Pier, 'Walk and Talk' sessions, walking football and seated exercise. There has been a recent media piece show-casing the benefits of walking football.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

As reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the completion date for The Reef has now been set back to September 17th 2021, owing to a shortage of key materials.

3 Meetings attended

Since my June report, which was emailed to all Members, I have attended the Baseline Carbon Audit Seminar and, by the time you read this I shall have attended meetings of the Norfolk Records Committee and the Norfolk Joint Museums Committee.