

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**July 2021**

### **COUNCILLOR N LLOYD - CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT.**

For the period June 2021-July 2021

#### **1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.**

##### **Commercial and Public Protection.**

The Commercial and Public Protection Team have continued to juggle business as usual work with the continuing response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Officers have been involved in the investigation of a significant outbreak of Covid-19 associated with a sports club in Wells and as a result of their investigations have served a Fixed Penalty Notice relating to the offence of a gathering of more than six people. The team have also taken enforcement action against a pub in Fakenham after several attempts to educate and offer guidance where unsuccessful. The team continue to monitor businesses whilst the restrictions remain in place.

The Covid Safe Scheme continues to progress and has received over 40 applications, the team are approaching community centres and village halls directly to encourage them to apply for the award.

An E-shot to accommodation providers has been undertaken. This is to make them and their guests aware of the on self-isolation guidance for visitors over the Summer months.

A Food Standards Agency grant funding application has been made for £3000 to help with the administration of new food businesses applications we have received during the pandemic

The team have been supporting a seafood business in the district with the process of Export health certificates applications received under new Brexit requirements.

Contact tracing figures increasing slightly and a trend of positive cases in younger people sharing accommodation however still low compared to other areas.

### **Environmental Services**

The Environmental Services team continue with the mobilisation and management of the Serco contract and have been tackling some performance issues.

The IT implementation continues and the missed bin web form is now live. New road sweepers are now in operation and advertising panels are now present on refuse collection vehicles.

The team have responded to the government consultations on the resources and waste strategy including the deposit return scheme, the extended producer responsibility, consistency in household and business waste collections. This includes individual responses on behalf of NNDC and the collective responses from the Norfolk Waste Partnership.

The team have dealt with significant amount of contact as lockdown restrictions have eased and customers have restarted collections.

Progression of biodiversity/pollinator strategy continues.

### **Environmental Protection**

The Environmental Protection team continue to respond to complaints across the district and provide consultations on planning applications. This has included the investigation of noise arising from several businesses across the district in the past month including a pub, factory and supermarket. Some of these cases have required complex investigations with out of hours working.

The team have issued a House in Multiple Occupation licence to a property in Briston.

The Environmental Protection Team continue to support visitors to the Temporary Stopping Place in Fakenham. However, the Cromer TSP is currently being used as a Covid testing site this arrangement does not seem to have be affecting the provision of service.

Environmental Protection Officers working with partners in the Police and Victory housing have responded to and investigated a Community Trigger application under Anti-social behaviour legislation.

### **Civil Contingencies**

The Civil Contingencies team have recently been involved a Norfolk Resilience Forum and County Public Health table top exercise. The scenario related to surge testing and a predicted 3<sup>rd</sup> Wave.

The Civil Contingencies team continue to engage with the Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance.

The wider team continue to engaged with and support many events planned for the District over the summer months through the Safety Advisory Group process. These have included the Holt Markers Market which has required a significant input from the licensing team regarding the issuing of street trading licences.

## **Climate Change**

GreenBuild will be a virtual event this year. It will comprise of a suite of on-line events and forums to coincide with the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) in Glasgow between 31 October – 12 November 2021

Work has begun on the preparation of NNDC's carbon reduction plan that will scope out the steps needed to achieve net zero carbon by 2030.

Calculation of NNDC's carbon footprint for the year ending March 2021 has commenced. We hope to publish our footprint each year going forward.

There are 51 tree planting projects in the planning stages. 22400 trees are confirmed for this winter's planting season with another 41000 possible. We have been pleased with the level of engagement from the public with this project and are working with a wide range of different stakeholders throughout the District.

NNDC have embraced 'Plastic Free July' with a series of media releases planned through the month. Our aspiration is to become a single use plastic free Council by 2023.

## **2      Forthcoming Activities and Developments.**

The team are preparing to return the Goats to Cromer Cliffs during the week commencing the 19<sup>th</sup> of July. In preparation for this they are conducting fencing checks.

Plans are progressing for a suite of events aligned to national recycling week in September.

## **3      Meetings attended**

Carbon base line meeting with Net Carbon East.