

## **CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**22 September 2021**

### **COUNCILLOR A FITCH-TILLET - CABINET MEMBER FOR COAST**

For the period July to September 2021

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

##### **Innovative Resilience Fund - Progress Update**

The Coastal Partnership East is progressing within the Environment Agency funding process to secure £8.4M to deliver the Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Transition programme. It is anticipated an Outline business case will be ready for submission for approval in the New Year. The team are developing the resources and partnerships necessary to deliver the programme to ensure that the scheme progresses quickly once final approval is provided.

##### **Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme – Progress Update**

Screening has confirmed that the schemes will require Environmental Impact Assessment and a scoping document to assist with identifying which environmental aspects are scoped in and out has been prepared. As the detailed designs are developed they will be shared with the local liaison groups for stakeholder input to assist with refining to meet localised needs.

##### **Sea Defence Revenue Maintenance**

Maintenance of sea defences and beach accesses have continued throughout the summer. The Coastal Measured Term Maintenance Contract finished its term and preparations to retender this contract are progressing.

##### **Bacton to Walcott Sandscaping Scheme**

Monitoring of sediment movement continues with data captured in June and in September. Analysis of the June monitoring suggests the scheme continues to perform in line with design modelling with regards to coast protection performance. The June and September monitoring data will be analysed in detail over the autumn. Following assessment of the windblown sand issues faced last autumn and winter, the team are proposing trialling some mitigation measures to reduce the levels during adverse weather. These proposals are being shared with those previously affected and community representatives for further local input.

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

##### **Coastal Loss Innovative Funding and Finance (CLIFF) Project**

The current phase of the CLIFF project, which is investigating potential methods of funding and financing initiatives to assist those who are at risk of losing their residential properties from erosion or permanent flood inundation is coming to a close. Following this phase of work it is intended that the

outputs will be shared with government and integrated into the Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Transition Programme. Some concepts may be suitable for local or regional implementation, others could benefit from a national or UK deployment. Some may be able to be implemented under current rules and arrangements, others would need to be considered further by local government and national government.

### **3 Meetings attended**

All Council Committees and outside bodies appointed to:  
Northrepps, Overstrand and Trimmingham Parish Councils  
Full Council, Cabinet, Development Committee  
Committees etc observed: Overview & Scrutiny, Planning Policy and Built Heritage, Regional Flood and Coastal Committee  
Monthly Coastal Team Catch Up Meeting  
Chaired Norfolk Coastal Forum  
Chaired LGA Coastal SIG CLIFF Steering Group  
Norfolk Coast (AONB) Partnership Re-Opening The Coast Task and Finish Group  
Carbon Audit Presentation  
Chaired the Cromer and Mundesley Coast Protection Liaison Group Meetings  
Wash and North Norfolk Marine Partnership Management Meeting and Stakeholder Liaison Group Meeting  
Coastal Partnership East Board Meeting  
National Coastal Partnership Proposal Meeting  
Enforcement Training  
Agents of Change – Cromer Chalk Reef Monitoring Group