

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period November to December 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Innovative Resilience Fund - Progress Update

Coastal Partnership East is advancing with content for the Outline Business Case, which is required to be approved by the Environment Agency for the Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Transition programme. This has included workshops with partners, national leads in specific area and internal workshops. The OBC will need to be completed by spring 2022, although if possible the OBC will be submitted earlier

Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme – Progress Update

Draft detailed designs and cost estimates have been received and are under consideration.

Sea Defence Revenue Maintenance

Maintenance of sea defences and beach accesses have continued and included repairs to groynes and navigation markers across the district. Preparations are underway for a recut of the Happisburgh Ramp.

Bacton to Walcott Sandscaping Scheme

Breeding birds comparison report has been received and concludes that the construction and operation of the Sandscaping scheme has had no negative impacts on breeding birds in the locality. The learning from the scheme with regards to working around sand martins is being prepared into a Guidance Note which is sought to be peer reviewed by Natural England and the RSPB and then made available to help guide others. Prices are being sought for windblown sand mitigation measures.

Shoreline Management Plan Refresh

An appointment has been made for the Shoreline Management Plan Co-ordinator to work across SMP6 & on the activities required for the Refresh process.

Cliff Slip – Mundesley

A multi team approach across NNDC responded to a cliff slip adjacent to a property of 5 flats in Mundesley. Following the reporting of the cliff failure North Norfolk District Council:

- Inspected and monitored the location and the property
- Liaised with residents
- Liaised with the media
- Commissioned an initial cliff stability assessment
- Issuing of a Hazard Awareness Notice's to the landlord, owner and tenants

- Offered of temporary accommodation as a precautionary measure over the Christmas / New Year period to allow the Council to commission and consider the Cliff Stability Assessment such that it could consider future options
- Identified and ensured the repair of a burst water on the cliff face by Anglian Water

The Council has now considered the situation further and explored the legislative powers and duties in relation to the property and the residents and have completed the following actions:

- NNDC has highlighted to the Landlord that they have responsibilities towards their tenants and the building. The Cliff Stability Assessment has been made available to them and they may wish to seek further advice and complete further actions.
- NNDC has contacted the residents and highlighted the risk with remaining in the property and offered general housing advice. It is however down to individuals to consider their own safety and to take actions to keep themselves from harm, therefore we are unable to continue to offer temporary accommodation.
- NNDC will continue to monitor the situation and take further actions should the situation change.

It is clear that the legislative powers to local authorities with regards to properties at risk of loss from erosion and cliff slips does not fully meet the requirements we would wish for. As a result, and when the opportunity presents itself, this will be raised with central government.

Greenbuild

The team supported the successful Greenbuild programme.

Coastal Forum

The Norfolk Coastal Forum on the 2 November was successfully run online with many attendees from the North Norfolk and wider coast. Presentation included Richard Powel OBE – Chair of Eastern Regional Flood and Coast Committee highlighting the climate challenges that we face with regards to erosion, flooding and wider environmental issues.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Continuation on development and delivery of above projects and initiatives.

3-year Coastal Partnership East Business Plan to be presented to the CPE Officers Group and Board.

3 Meetings attended

- All Council Meetings appointed to
- All Poppyland Parish Councils
- Greenbuild Presentations

- Presentation to Mundesley Parish Council re Coast Protection Scheme
- Meeting with NCC Flood Team re Flooding in Northrepps
- Discussion with NCC Children's Services re School Governors
- Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership Advisory Group
- 'Scape" Procurement briefing
- Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership Management Group
- Wash & North Norfolk Marine Partnership Stakeholder Group
- Meeting with Interim Manager NCP and NNDC support Officers
- LGA Coastal SIG
- Norfolk Coast Partnership Core Management Group
- Coastal Partnership East Board Meeting
- Local Plan Consultation Briefing
- Broads Internal Drainage Board
- Cromer Town Council Coastal Management Scheme Briefing
- Agents of Change - Update on Cromer Shoal Monitoring
- Regional Flood and Coastal Committee East
- Coastal Partnership East Board Meeting