

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period January 2022

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Storm Response

The team have completed inspections of the coast following the storms and surge during January. Overall the defences performed well. Issues encountered include the loss of the handrails at Overstrand, damage to timber revetments at Overstrand, lowering of beaches (which would be expected during such events) and the deposition of materials on promenades. It would be expected that further damage and cliff falls will occur following storms and these will be considered as they arise. An example post storm impacts is the subsidence of the car parking area at Vale Road beach access (Trimingham/Gimingham/Mundesley). This area is susceptible to such subsidence and has been rebuilt through the import of materials on a number of occasions.

Innovative Resilience Fund - Progress Update

Coastal Partnership East is continuing to progress the development of the Outline Business Case, which is required to be approved by the Environment Agency for the Norfolk and Suffolk Coastal Transition programme

Cromer Phase 2 and Mundesley Coast Protection Scheme – Progress Update

Finally the scoping opinion from the Marine Management Organisation has been received. This is suggesting further additional chapters to the Environmental Statement, however the CPE team and Consultants consider that some of these items are outside of the MMO consenting area. Due to delays in the MMO process the coastal concordat has not been able to be used (although the team engaged early with the MMO to try to ensure this occurred), as such there is disconnect between the terrestrial and marine scoping opinions. Additional chapters will lead to additional costs in scheme preparation.

Initial cost estimates have been received and as is the case across the construction industry, both schemes construction costs across the industry have increased. This is due to a number of factors such as inflation, BREXIT, COVID and wider market forces. This is coupled with additional needs in the scope of work at Cromer. The team are working to minimize costs and maximize funding.

Norfolk House, Seaview Road, Mundesley – cliff slip

Further information has been provided to the owner, landlord and tenants of Norfolk House which was adjacent to the cliff slip at Mundesley which occurred in December 2021. NNDC will continue to monitor the cliff in association with the property.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.
Continuation on development and delivery of projects and initiatives. The team are working with a family who own a holiday property on our coastline in order to arrange for timely demolition.
3 Meetings attended
Portfolio Holder meetings attended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LGA Coastal SIG Adaptation Working Group• Norfolk Coast Partnership Update• Cabinet• Lunch & Learn - Coastal Purchasing Briefing• Development Committee• Marine Conservation Society Agents of Change Study Group.