

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, PETER TERRINGTON, 3RD **NOVEMBER 2014**

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND: Future deadlines for applications:
17th November deadline for applications to be received for consideration by Panel on 15th December 2014

16th February deadline for applications to be received for consideration by Panel on 9th March 2015

PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES EVENT:

This was a great success and was attended by 23 prospective candidates.

LATEST NEWS RELEASES:

LINK TO NNDC WEBSITE:

[HTTP://WWW.NORTHNORFOLK.ORG/COUNCIL/NEWS.ASP](http://www.northnorfolk.org/council/news.asp)

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS: The October meeting was cancelled because of lack of business!

CABINET DECISIONS, OCTOBER:

Car Park Order: Cabinet made a draft order approving changes to the management and pricing of Council car parks to come in to force from 30th October 2014.

TIC AND STATION APPROACH TOILETS, SHERINGHAM – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoL) FROM NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY: An EoL has been received from NNR to run the TIC and toilets. Under the Localism Act, The Council is obliged to give this proper consideration. Cabinet resolved to put the proposal to a Tender process.

EMPTY HOMES POLICY: Cabinet approved a revised Empty Homes Policy which identifies empty homes, increases Council Tax on long term empty properties and offers advice and assistance to owners.

SHERINGHAM WEST SEAWALL IMPROVEMENT COAST PROTECTION

SCHEME: The Council has secured an opportunity to access substantial funds from the Environment Agency, through Grant in Aid funding to improve the Sheringham sea defences. Cabinet resolved to address the Council's contribution to the works.

EGMERE BUSINESS ZONE PROJECT: The Cabinet agreed that the Council should lead a project to open up a minimum of 1.65 ha of land, on the Walsingham Estate, at Egmere, at an estimated cost of £1.5 million, for development by the offshore wind energy industry, subject to obtaining external funding.

CABINET BUSINESS, NOVEMBER:

CAR PARKING ORDER: At the meeting of the Overview and Committee held on 15th October 2014, following consideration of a call-in of Agenda item 10, Cabinet 6th October – „Car Park Order – Results of Consultation Process“ by Councillor E Seward, the following recommendations were made to Cabinet:

RESOLVED:

To recommend that Cabinet undertakes an urgent review of all the options open to the Council for the Mundesley Road car park site is undertaken and for an option to be pursued which is in the best interests of the Council and the town of North Walsham.

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2014/15 – PERIOD 6: This report summarises the budget monitoring position for the revenue account and capital programme to the end of September 2014. Main recommendations:

Cabinet approves an increase of £55,000 to the Enforcement board Reserve, funded from the in-year underspend.

Cabinet are requested to approve the inclusion of capital budgets in the 2014/15 Capital Programme:

- Sheringham West Prom provision of grey water tank at £28,000, to be funded from capital resources.
- Pier Roof full Repair/Refurbishment at a cost of £78,000, to be funded initially from capital resources.
- Pier Public Conveniences refurbishment at a cost of £45,000 to be funded from capital resources.

HALF YEARLY TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR 2014/15: This report provides information on the Treasury Management activities undertaken in the first six months of 2014/15.

Recommendation: That the Council be asked to RESOLVE that the Half Yearly Treasury Management Report for 2014/15 is approved including amendments to the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2014/15.

MANAGING PERFORMANCE Q2 2014/15: The purpose of this report is to give a second quarter progress report of the performance of the Council. Recommendation: That Cabinet notes this report, welcomes the progress being made and endorses the actions being taken by management where there are areas of concern.

4 MARKET STREET NORTH WALSHAM: This property has been a long term eyesore on a prominent site in the centre of North Walsham. Recommendation: That Cabinet approves the acquisition of the site.

COUNCIL OFFICES, NEW ROAD, NORTH WALSHAM – CONSIDERATION OF OFFER MADE FOR PREMISES BY J D WETHERSPOON: Recommendation: Subject to conditions, negotiate the best financial deal with JD Wetherspoon regarding their interest in purchasing the North Walsham council offices and site.

WELLS MATTERS:

STREET CLEANING: I have requested that leaves are cleaned are removed from various locations. Very pleased to see that action has been taken.

LIGHT AT TUGBOAT YARD: The faulty light has been replaced with a heritage LED type. The light should be on time-switch and sensor so that it does not cause excessive light pollution to the opposite residential properties.

CO-OP RETAIL STORE, POLKA RD, WELLS: Re conditions 5&6 of planning consent: to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. I am meeting with the manager next week.

PROPOSED FUEL STATION, POLKA RD, WELLS: No further information...

ALTERNATIVE LORRY/COACH PARK: No further information.

DECEMBER TIDAL SURGE: I am concerned that properties on the Wells Seafront and in the East End are very vulnerable to another tidal surge of the magnitude of December 2013 event. I have requested a report on how many properties have received funding from the Repair and Renew Grant. There appears to be some confusion regarding which statutory authority is responsible for flood risk, along the Wells Seafront.

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GIFTS GALORE SITE: No further information.

FUTURE OF BEACH RD. TOILETS: No further information.

ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE:

CLARENCE HOUSE: New owners are aware of issues and are keen to do the works to comply with the notice.

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: No further action at present. Some tidying up seems to have taken place!

OLD GRAIN STORE: A planning application has been submitted for this site.

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