

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, PETER TERRINGTON,

2ND FEBRUARY 2015:

BIG SOCIETY FUND AND ENABLING FUND:

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

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OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEETING, JANUARY:

WASTE AND RELATED SERVICES CONTRACT PERFORMANCE REPORT: The contract is delivered on behalf of the Council by Kier Environmental Services. General contract performance has remained adequate to good during the second half of 2014. Performance in respect of waste and recycling collections is generally good, although there remain areas in which improvement is required. The number of missed collections for households that have been granted an assisted collection has improved compared with the first six months of the year. In October 2014, the new joint venture contract with NEWS for the processing of recyclable waste came into operation, increasing the range of materials the Council is able to accept for recycling at the kerbside in the green bins. This has resulted in the removal of all bottle banks across North Norfolk. The disposal point for waste collected within North Norfolk changed earlier in the year following the closure of Edgefield landfill site. Residual waste has since been deposited at a waste transfer station in North Walsham. From September 2014, the majority of residual (black bin) waste collected in North Norfolk has been sent for incineration in Suffolk. However, this is arranged by Norfolk County Council as the waste disposal authority for Norfolk.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT – POWERS AND DUTIES: The committee was given an overview of the Antisocial Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, on progress of implementation of ASB Reforms, and the delegation of powers under the new legislation to the Head of Environmental Health and the setting of fixed penalty notice amounts.

COUNCILLORS CALL FOR ACTION: CAR PARKING; RESIDENTIAL AND PAY & DISPLAY FROM NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL: Representatives from County Highways updated the committee on the latest developments with the proposed Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) Consultation in Sheringham and other North Norfolk Coastal Towns. Assurances were given that CPE's would only be proposed for towns which had expressed concerns re. parking issues and there would be full consultation.

CABINET DECISIONS, JANUARY:

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU PROVISION IN NORTH NORFOLK:

1. To investigate commissioning generic or specific advice and support services on the basis of an analysis of needs. A service specification would then be identified whereby any suitably qualified organisation which could include existing Citizens Advice Bureaux but also other voluntary and community groups or statutory organisations could be invited to submit a proposal to deliver services in North Norfolk. Where appropriate, this would include working collaboratively with Norfolk County Council and other District Councils in the County
2. To extend the current Service Level Agreement with the with the Citizens' Advice Bureaux for 6 months whilst the needs analysis and tender exercise is undertaken.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE AND STATION APPROACH PUBLIC CONVENIENCESHERINGHAM – PROPOSAL FROM NORTH NORFOLK RAILWAY:

- 1) Agrees in principle to the transfer of the TIC and public conveniences to the NNR.
- 2) Delegates authority to the relevant Corporate Director and s151 Officer, after discussion with the Portfolio holder for Assets, to finalise negotiations and prepare and sign the necessary contractual documents with the NNR regarding the transfer of the services.
- 3) Recommends to Full Council, as part of the budget setting process:
 - a) provision of a capital budget, to allow the transfer of services to progress, to be funded by capital resources
 - b) an additional one off revenue budget of £6,150 to cover provision of temporary public convenience facilities and signage, to be funded from the Invest to Save Reserve
- 4) That any additional costs relating to staffing are also met from the Invest to Save Reserve

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS, JANUARY: There was no full council meeting in January.

WELLS MATTERS:

CO-OP RETAIL STORE, POLKA RD, WELLS: Re conditions 6&7 of planning consent: to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. The Council's enforcement Officer is investigating. No further information.

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

ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE:

CLARENCE HOUSE: Planning application received.

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: No further action at present.

OLD GRAIN STORE: A planning application was submitted for this site, but has been withdrawn.

Gifts Galore site: This site is now under consideration by the Enforcement Board. No further information on these properties at present.

COASTAL ISSUES FORUM, JANUARY:

COASTAL MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

Repairs to Sea walls at Sheringham, Cromer, Bacton and Happisburgh have received significant funding. Investigations are taking place at Mundesley, Bacton and Walcott.

'SANDSCAPING'- The first stage preliminary investigation result into a possible 'sandscaping' approach around Bacton and Walcott is due imminently. North Norfolk is one of several UK locations being considered by the Crown Estate to explore this innovative coastal management technique.

The Environment Agency has completed repairs to the banks around Blakeney Freshes. There are no other plans for upgrading defences.

Wells did not feature in the update and I raised the issue of the vulnerability of Wells to future tidal flooding. Following formal response and informal discussions on the matter, it is my understanding that the current position for Wells is:

Shoreline Management Plan, Zone PDZ 2K, Wells Quay:

- The Environment Agency has no statutory responsibility for flood defence.
- The EA is responsible for flooding to the East and West of Wells Quay.
- NNDC has no statutory responsibility for flood defence along Wells Quay.
- Flood protection is the responsibility of individual property owners.
- Wells Quay is at risk of flooding from a one in twenty year event.
- Three 2m tidal surges have occurred since the December 2013 event.
- County Flood Funding has been obtained to repair the low car park wall.
- The deadline for the Repair & Renew Fund has been extended.
- There are no other plans to upgrade or repair the flood defences in Wells.
- Only properties directly flooded in the Dec. 2013 surge are eligible for the Repair & Renew Funding.
- Many properties remain undefended.
- NNDC has title to lengths of Wells Quay which are in a poor state of repair.
- Funding for Wells can only be obtained through a Partnership Scheme.
- The Wells Town Council or other Community Group would need to take the lead in setting up a Partnership Scheme and applying for Funding.
- Wells Quay remains very vulnerable to future tidal flooding.

COASTAL ADAPTION, Prof Tim O'Riordan & Dr Irene Lorenzoni:

Latest estimate of sea level rise is 1.7mm per year.

Between 1900 & 1990 sea level rise was 1.2mm per year.

Between 1990 & 2010 sea level is estimated to 3mm per year,

The tidal surge of Dec. 2013 should not be regarded as an extreme event but the "New Normal".

Coastal Management must adapt to the "New Normal" conditions.

Additional sources of funding must be found for Coastal Adaption to the new conditions.

The UEA are carrying out a programme of monitoring of the impacts of the Dec. 2013 tidal surge.

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