

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, PETER TERRINGTON, 6TH **OCTOBER 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:

The Member Development Group is holding a Prospective Candidates event on 15th October, from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. The last one held in 2010 was very successful. Anyone thinking of standing for election to the NNDC, in May 2015, is invited to attend. For more information, please see our website at:
northnorfolk.org/standforcouncillor

WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICE:

The new service means that, from 1st October, materials including glass bottles and jars, plastic food pots, tubs and trays and cartons, such as those used for soups and juices can be recycled at the kerbside using the recycling bin. These will be in addition to existing materials that can be recycled, including card, paper, steel and aluminium cans and plastic bottles.

New Anglia Growth Hub:

The New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership (NALEP) has recruited 9 Business Growth Advisors. Their role has been created to provide a point of contact for businesses seeking advice and guidance. Their purpose is to provide quick and easy access to a wide range of local and national business support programmes, funding and initiatives. Businesses and support partners will also be able to receive guidance and information via the telephone and online.

FULL COUNCIL DECISIONS, SEPTEMBER:

FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2015/16:

The Local Council Tax Support Scheme will continue for 2015/16 and a grant will be offered to those towns and parishes that accepted the grant in 2014/15 and the total amount available will be reduced in line with the Council's relative funding reductions.

CABINET DECISIONS, OCTOBER:

Car Park Order: Cabinet is recommended to make 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 EoI 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 is recommended to put the proposal to a Tender process. (This item might be relevant to the future of the Beach Road toilets, in Wells.

EMPTY HOMES POLICY: Cabinet is recommended to approve 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 is asked to resolve to address the Council's contribution to the works. (This item may be relevant to Wells as EA, Grant in Aid funding might be appropriate to improve the sea defences along the Quay and East End. In any case the Grant in Aid funding for Sheringham, releases funds from the Council's budget, which could be used to improve the sea defences in Wells)

EGMERE BUSINESS ZONE PROJECT: It is recommended that Cabinet agrees 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.

LATEST NEWS RELEASES: The Council is seeking A Communications and Marketing Manager.

LINK TO NNDC WEBSITE:

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

WELLS MATTERS:

PROPOSED CO-OP RETAIL STORE, POLKA RD, WELLS: The Co-op has submitted plans for a scheme to establish local supply chains and promote businesses, in and around Wells. I have asked the planning officer to monitor.

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

ALTERNATIVE LORRY/COACH PARK: Nothing further to report. It has to be hoped that Holkham Estate will commence development of the Freeman Street in the near future. This would provide four coach parking spaces.

DECEMBER TIDAL SURGE: The deadline for applications to The Norfolk Coastal Fund has ended. Applications can still be made to the District Council's Repair and Renew Fund and Business Support Fund. (See item on Sheringham West Sea Wall Improvement)

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE GIFTS GALORE SITE: No further action to report.

TUGBOAT YARD: The replacement light is still on back order.

BEACH RD. TOILETS: There are no covenants on the Beach Road Toilet site, and the piece of land, on which the memorial is sited, does not appear to be included in the title deed. (See item on North Norfolk Railway Eol)

ENFORCEMENT BOARD UPDATE:

CLARENCE HOUSE: Negotiations are continuing.

MARYLAND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE: No further action at present.

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

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