REPORT

1. NET ZERO 2030 STRATEGY

As the Council was the first in Norfolk to declare a climate emergency in 2019, we have a role to play in reducing our own emissions in setting a Net Zero target for 2030. the Action Plan records the emissions over the last 3 years and explains how we will improve energy efficiency in how the Council operates. Please follow the link for more information :-  [www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/netzero](http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/netzero).

1. HARDSHIP SUPPORT GRANTS

We have introduced a new grant to help those who are really struggling with the cost-of-living pressures. Payments in the form of vouchers, furniture, white goods, and minor home repairs will be available to help residents through current difficult circumstances. The scheme will run for 2 years and eligible households are able to receive 2 support payments each year.

1. PROTECTING COASTAL COMMUNITIES

The Council hosted a visit by the environment minister and has negotiated £10 million of additional investment for coastal communities at risk from cliff loss due to the threat from climate change over the next five years. This is a very successful bid and is only one of two areas nationally, the other being East Yorkshire.

1. REEF LEISURE CENTRE

Following the opening of the £12.7 million Reef Leisure Centre and swimming pool membership rates and participation achievements have exceeded all expectations and demonstrates the importance of the Council's investment in quality fitness and leisure facilities.

1. CHANGING PLACES PROGRAMME

The Council have succeeded in bidding for £300,000, one of the largest awards in the country, to provide toilet changing facilities for people with complex medical needs and disability challenges. This will help with the programme to provide a facility in each of our seven major settlements in the future. Work has already started in Wells and Fakenham.

1. ENERGY REBATE REPAYMENTS

The Council continues to roll out the £150 energy rebate payment to date to 32,000 qualifying households and has reached 90% of the intended target.

1. LOCAL HOMES FOR LOCAL NEED

The number of so-called affordable homes for 2021/22 was 183 against a target of 100 which is a significant achievement. The building of extra care homes for the care of elderly residents, acquisition of temporary accommodation for the homeless and adaptation of properties through disabled facilities grant to enable residents to continue independent living in their own homes continues under this Council.

   8.   UK POPULATION CENSUS

Figures released indicate that since 2011 the highest rate of growth is in the east of England at 8.3%, but only 1.5% in our district. 1 in 3 of residents are aged over 65 as against 1 in 5 nationally. Although we have the highest increase, we have the lowest per capita funding in the Government spending review of any region. This has implications for the Council in delivering services to the community.

1. PARISH COUNCIL FORUM

The Forum hosted by NNDC online met on the 4 July and I will give a verbal update at the meeting.

1. TCPA WORKSHOP ON PLANNING AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

I attended a presentation on the challenges increased flooding poses to the planning process and will give a verbal update at the meeting.

Thank you for reading.

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