

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 DECEMBER 2018

Statement from: Councillor E J Poll, Executive Councillor for Commercial and Environmental Management

Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS)

The strategy was approved by the Lincolnshire Waste Partnership in September as ready to go to each partner authority with a recommendation that it be formally adopted. The Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee then reviewed the strategy and also recommended adoption, as did the Executive in November. A joint message has been released countywide to address the growing issue of non-recyclables going into household recycling collections. We are seeing positive initial results from the food waste collection and disposal service trial which started in June.

English Coastal Path

The section between Skegness and Mablethorpe is scheduled to open on 6 February 2019 following the completion of the promenade extension. The section from Sutton Bridge to Skegness received two objections and the Planning Inspectorate held a site meeting in late November. The final sections are between Mablethorpe and the Humber Bridge and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) have agreed a proposed line at Donna Nook although this is meeting local resistance.

Lincolnshire Coastal Country Park

Work continues on improving visitor amenities, such as car parking, in balance with the needs of the local community. Works at Anderby Creek are due to begin in January 2019, following the granting of planning permission for a car park and access works in November 2018.

Historic Environment

The Council's Historic Environment team, which provides archaeological planning advice within Lincolnshire, is conducting a trial provision of services for North East Lincolnshire Council, Bassetlaw District and Newark & Sherwood District Councils in Nottinghamshire. At present these services are being provided on a cost-recovery basis, but work is in progress to explore the potential for robust longer term arrangements to provide a quality public service at no additional cost to the taxpayer, helping to conserve the historic environment while supporting development and growth.

Flood Risk & Water Management (FRWM)

Members may well be aware of the publicity recently surrounding the completion of the Wrangle sea banks scheme, the first major works completed on the front line sea defences in this area for thirty years. Delivered by Witham Fourth Internal Drainage Board, the County Council was able to underwrite the risk to the Board of applying for £500k of external funding, which added to further national capital funding, allowing the scheme to go ahead. This kind of practical partnership working typifies

our approach, and can also be found in the Council's successful application for £1m of EU funding which, added to £4m national capital will permit the banks of the Haven downstream from the Barrier site to be raised further than the basic planned scheme.

The important point about these schemes is that the additional funding has been secured on the basis of the economic benefits that will follow from their completion, rather than the more limited residential property pre 2012 count that is the normal basis for attracting national funding for flood risk management. This point is actively being pursued by officers engaging on behalf of the Council, to influence the developing national flood risk management strategy. This will be a key policy document for some years to come, and will be subject to public consultation early in 2019. The Council, together with its partners, will be making a robust response to this to back up our ongoing engagement to date, and we will be using the redevelopment of our own local joint flood risk and water management strategy as a key vehicle for presenting a clear, simple and strongly evidenced narrative back to government.