

Andy Bullen North Downham Ward report March 15 2022

I am pleased to present my March report to DMTC

BCKLWN Council

Select notes from Council activity of interest to Downham Market:

Financial Plan for 2022/2026 proposed an increase in Council Tax

Capital Strategy 2022/2023

Review of Members (Councillors) Allowances (I supported the Call-in due to no consultation with the Leaders of the group of independent and Labour group). A special meeting of the Borough Council will be held on the 23 March

Capital Programme and Resources 2021-2026

Decisions relating to CIL funding will be confirmed at Cabinet meeting 15 March 2022

COVID Omicron grants extended

Discussion about the proposed Wisbech Incinerator continue

Most other Council business is not concerned with Downham Market

I have attended a number of meetings:

Council

Environment and Communities Panel

Internal Drainage Boards

I attended the Corporate Performance Panel meeting

I met with the BC Open Spaces team about enhancing open spaces in North Downham

North Downham Ward business

I have been engaged with residents in connection with trees, vandalism, roads, footpaths, drainage, play equipment

I have met with the Downham Market Wildlife Group

I continue to be involved with the campaign to raise funds for new play equipment on the Howdale

I have visited The Swan Youth Project

I have met with Norfolk County Council

I am engaged with the Planning Dept in connection with developments adjacent to Bridle Lane and also Stowfields/Leverett Gardens

I would like to highlight the **Councillor Community Grant Scheme**:

What BCKLWN will fund

Applications should focus on projects, initiatives or events that deliver a clear and demonstrative benefit to the people of west Norfolk.

Appropriate projects could include, but are not limited to:

- replacement equipment or improvements to community centres/halls
- a community newsletter
- contribution towards a specific event (lunch club, celebrations of national events such as the Platinum Jubilee, community picnics, refreshments after community events etc)
- improvements to community facilities (for example accessibility improvements)
- purchase of equipment for community use
- one-off hire costs
- one-off repairs
- major repairs such as repairing a section of roof or major boiler repairs (but not routine servicing) to community buildings.
- contributions towards initiatives with a specific purpose of improving the health, social mobility, social isolation and wellbeing of members of the community

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/info/20228/community_grants/913/councillor_community_grant_scheme

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