County Councillor Report

Cllr Peter Lawrence – North Coast Norfolk

September 26

[1] Log:

02/09/26 – **LGR Teams Meeting**

08/09/26 – **West Norfolk Unitary Council Meeting** [Kings Lynn] – This meeting cancelled following Reform UK Challenge and request for a judicial review. The government has decided to pause the proposal for three unitary authorities for Norfolk, which made no sense and would not have resulted in more effective provision of services or cost savings. An immediate cost saving resulted in the cancellation of a consultancy contract of £6.2M.

09/09/26 – **EIFCA Meeting** [Inshore Fisheries and Conservation] – discussion around a position statement relating to "Marine Net Gain" and the conflict of interest between windfarms and fisheries – one member appreciated the support of the fishing industry apparent in the statement [although highlighted that the industry had been greatly constrained over his 40 years in the industry. Some discussion about Wash Cockle Fishery and the temporary closure of Hunstanton field but that this has now been reopened. A review of the annual report considered "resilience under pressure" highlighting challenges around workforce turnover, vessel reliability and IT transition.

10/09/26 – Pensions Committee Briefing Session

15/09/26 – Pensions Committee [Chair] [Norwich] Meeting.

15/09/26 – Attended a **Welcome Event** for Councillors with LGPS Responsibilities 5.00pm–6.00pm online

16/09/26 – Attended **Strategy & Planning Committee** Meeting at NCC.

22/09/26 – Attended **Full Council Meeting** [NCC, Norwich] - Raised a question to the Council Leader about the business case for the proposed change to Regional Mayor [Norfolk / Suffolk] and the extent to which constituents will be consulted on this change. Essentially this change will bring economic advantages to the region so on balance to be welcomed. In general, a robust discussion in the Council Chamber with important issues discussed and motions considered.

Important documents: "**Standing Up for Norfolk**" and "**Our First 100 days**" published [attached].

[2] Constituencies issues [highlights]:

Speed Limit Changes - Requests for change to local speed limits – a number of constituents have asked me to support and lobby for localised changes to road traffic speed limits [typically from 30MPH to 20MPH]. I have enquired as to whether it is possible to batch these requests so that they can be considered together rather than on a piecemeal basis in order to be dealt with by the Highways Authority in batches which might result in a cost saving as each feasibility study costs in the region of £9,000.

Use of Community Facility in Hunstanton – several constituents have contacted me wanting to use the community facilities – the Town Mayor is pressing for the Town Council to take over the running of the building from the County Council. This is something I am looking into.

Planning concern regarding proposed Housing Development of 200 new homes in Burnham Market.

[3] Committee Responsibilities:

[i] Pension Committee Chair

[ii] IFCA Committee Member [including Finance and HR sub-committee responsibilities]