

**REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT &  
SUSTAINABILITY**

**KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. I am pleased to present the key issues and activities as Portfolio Holder for Environment & Sustainability, since the last report to Council.

**Minerals Local Plan**

2. The County Council is working on a new Minerals Local Plan which will set out strategic planning policies covering the amount and location of future minerals development to 2030. The new plan will replace the existing plan adopted in December 2005.
3. We are currently undertaking the first stage of public consultation which started on the 27<sup>th</sup> January ending on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012. In order to gather a wide range of views we have contacted District Councils, Parish Councils, those who live within 250 metres of any potential future mineral quarries and the minerals industry. Approximately 2500 summary leaflets have been distributed so far. Copies of the main consultation document have also been available on request.
4. An exhibition has been put up at 13 libraries across the county focusing on the main issues affecting the local areas. These were put up for two week periods during the consultation period.
5. Once the consultation has been completed we will analyse the responses before starting work on the preferred approach document. It is expected that the preferred approach document will be published for consultation in autumn 2012.

**Waste Core Strategy**

6. The County Council is working jointly with Nottingham City Council on the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy to set out strategic planning policies covering how and where our waste should be managed.
7. Following a number of earlier stages of informal consultation, the proposed submission version of the Waste Core Strategy has now been published for a formal period of public representations.

8. During this time anyone has the opportunity to either support or object to the proposals. At the end of this representation period, which closes on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012, both councils will consider all the representations received and decide whether any further changes to the Waste Core Strategy are needed.
9. A summary of the representations received, and the proposed response, will be reported back to Members before submission. If significant changes are proposed there may be a need for a further representation period before the Waste Core Strategy is then submitted to the Secretary of State for an independent examination.

## **LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROJECTS UPDATE – FEBRUARY/MARCH 2012**

10. Another busy few months for the Local Improvement Scheme team as Year 8 projects are completed.
11. I've travelled the length and breadth of the county and seen some fascinating projects that all add to the heritage and make-up of our wonderfully diverse county.
12. A new pond and dipping platform has been unveiled on the site of the former colliery at Brinsley. This area is being transformed into a heritage and nature reserve and visitor numbers have doubled in recent years.
13. Restoration work has got underway at Calverton Folk Museum and we enlisted the help of local schoolchildren to put hundreds of artefacts into storage.
14. An interpretation board has been unveiled in Staunton in the Vale as a memorial to a Lancaster Bomber crew which crashed in the village in 1943.
15. Additional plots have been created at allotments in Bunny and Killisick, with the latter creating plots for disabled adults and a nursery group.
16. Footways improvements have been welcomed by walkers and dog walkers at Cliff Top in Radcliffe on Trent and the Leader had an interesting afternoon trying to walk 5 dogs from the local RSPCA.
17. Balderton Lake has seen a number of improvements due to bankside erosion and the area has also had benches and picnic tables installed, better access and resurfaced footways.
18. Nuthall play area has unveiled new equipment and new footways, seating, goal ends and tree planting has taken place at Cator Lane Recreational Ground in Chilwell.
19. The second phase of work at Candleby Lane School in Cotgrave has been completed with a school and community allotment plot, which I was delighted to visit. The school farm, which opened in March 2011, is also thriving with additional pigs and sheep added to the animal mix.
20. The residents of Mansfield Woodhouse have been creative over the last few months helping to construct a glass mosaic on the history and heritage of the area. The mosaic

will be unveiled in early April and the children of St Edmund's School will also bury a time capsule with a copy of County News inside.

21. The residents of West Stockwith paid tribute to its boating heritage with a willow anchor installed at a newly created community garden in the village.
23. A new village sign was unveiled in Rainworth and £35k worth of street furniture was installed in Retford's town centre.
24. And finally parking bays costing £102,000 have now been completed in Kingston Road, Manton and Garside Street in Worksop.

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