

Councillor Joshua Osborne: Report for Downham Old Town May 2023

Council Work

We come to the end of the municipal year in the Borough just as we have in Downham Market and I will shortly be attending the Annual Council where a new Mayor will be selected. The Borough Labour Group I am part of is continuing to support the Administration of the Independent Partnership, and I look forward to seeing one of my fellow Downham colleagues playing a large role after Thursday evening.

As well as Full Council meetings I am Vice-Chair of the Corporate Performance Panel, and we have recently been looking at the performance indicators for the Borough Council in the reports frequently published, which can give a guide of which areas need improvement. As part of this I am also joining the Informal Working Group on the Constitution.

Police Priority Panel

I have continued to serve as one of the borough representatives on Downham's Police Priority Panel (formerly SNAP) with meetings so far this year in Downham Market and Terrington St Clement. It is always good to hear the views of the public and the police on how we can work together to tackle crime. After the recent elections, we also have a new Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk. We must thank Giles Orpen-Smellie for his years of service during his term, and I am sure Sarah Taylor will launch into her new role with enthusiasm.

Homelessness Survey

Views are being sought from the public on the Borough Council's homelessness and rough sleeping strategy, with the survey being open until the end of May if you have ideas to contribute.

https://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/news/article/1647/share_your_ideas_to_end_homelessness_in_west_norfolk

Toilets Progress

It is good to see that progress is being made for the long-awaited toilets in Downham Market, with tenders now going out that will allow work to progress this summer.