DMTC May Report - Cllr Andy Bullen

## Borough Council

Cllr Alistair Beales has been appointed the new leader of the Group of Independent Councillors and consequently is now the Leader of the Council

Cllr Simon Ring is the new Deputy Leader of the Council

A new Chief Executive is also being appointed following the imminent retirement of Lorraine Gore

New Borough Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be announced at the Borough Annual Meeting 16 May 2024

The Borough Council is in consultation for provision for Gypsy and Traveller sites

There is continued discussion about the financial contribution and burden on Borough Council finances from Internal Drainage Boards and whether it is sustainable in the long term

I have attended the following meetings:

Full Council Environment and Communities Panel Leader of the Council Deputy Leader of the Council Open Spaces Team Cabinet Member for Finance Cllr Chris Morley

I am involved with a number of initiatives within the Borough with current focus on environmental issues

I am arranging additional visits to Downham Market by various Cabinet Members

I continue to press for Downham Market to have improved promotion and sports provision and for the Borough to address issues with the environment, road safety, anti-social behaviour, Special Expenses

I continue to press the Borough for updates with the improvement to the toilets in the town which is now at the tender stage

North Downham Ward

I have been involved with the following activity in my Ward:

Housing issues

**Planning applications** 

Anti-social behaviour

The Macular Society

Downham Market Wildlife Group

Special Expenses

Expansion of the Football Club

Repair of the Memorial Field wall (waiting for allocation of funds)

I have also been involved with a number of activities associated with the Swan Youth Project

I have attended DMTC Council meetings and the Annual Town Meeting

I have worked with the BC Open Spaces Team to establish new wild flower areas and tree planting in the Howdale and Memorial Field

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