



BRECKLAND COUNCIL

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Portfolio/Cabinet	Cabinet
Report Title (& Reference No.)	Breckland Community Car Schemes
Summary Background	The Overview and Scrutiny Commission had considered a report on the Breckland Community Car Schemes and proposals for the future delivery of this service.
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Ward(s) Affected	
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	Yes - It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards
In Forward Plan?	Yes
Date Decision Taken	Tuesday, 9 September 2008
Date Published	Thursday, 11 September 2008
Call-In Expiry	N/A
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<p>It was noted that seldom had any Council initiative been so unanimously supported; and it was agreed to recommend to Council that:</p> <p>1) robust governance arrangements and legal agreements between Breckland Council and all scheme operators and volunteer drivers be put in place as a requirement to qualify for funding support,</p>

	<p>along the lines set out in paragraph 3.8.1 of the report;</p> <p>2) the principle of substantial funding for new and existing Community Car Schemes, to include meeting costs of required CRB and medical checks be supported; and</p> <p>3) a further report be submitted to the Council to establish full costs and clear reasoning for greater investment in this scheme.</p>
Reasons(s)	<p>The Commission had been fully supportive of the Breckland Community Car Schemes, which were seen as a vital lifeline to people living in the rural areas.</p>
Options	<p>Option 1 - Continue to run the existing scheme</p> <p>Associated Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exposure to risk to the Council with minimal governance arrangements in place • Volunteers could choose to withdraw from the service robust controls are placed on each scheme. Furthermore the rising costs of fuel presents a threat to schemes <p>No budget in place to increase the scheme to other parishes.</p> <p>Option 2 - To continue the scheme, including new :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put in place the necessary governance procedures and legal agreements to protect the Council, Car scheme operators and volunteers. • Consider a further allocation of funding up to £10,000 to cover shortfall and accommodate potential for new schemes <p>Associated Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car scheme operators may not want to take on the legal responsibility of operating the car schemes. <p>Volunteers may not support the tighter control procedures</p>
Further Information	<p>None.</p>