
BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

**Held on Tuesday, 3 January 2017 at 9.30 am in
Norfolk & Dereham Rooms, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mr J.W. Nunn (Chairman)	Mr P. M. M. Dimoglou
Mr S H Chapman-Allen (Vice-Chairman)	Mr M. S. Robinson
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mrs A M Webb

Also Present

Mr W.P. Borrett	Mrs J. Hollis
Mr P.D. Claussen	Mr J Newton
Mr D M Crawford	

In Attendance

Anna Graves	- Chief Executive
Suzanne Jones	- Interim Executive Director Commercialisation and s151 Officer
Rob Walker	- Executive Director Place
Teresa Smith	- Democratic Services Team Leader

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1/17 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Cowen and Turner.

3/17 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

4/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

5/17 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Borrett, Claussen, Crawford, Hollis, Newton and Wilkin.

6/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader announced that Councillor Lynda Turner had resigned from the Cabinet with effect from 31 December 2016 and thanked her for her contributions to the Cabinet.

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7/17 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Executive Director Place presented the report to Members.

Councillor Bambridge asked if the project could be extended into the villages within the District. This would be considered at a future date, depending on funding available.

Councillor Webb asked why Swaffham was not included. It was explained that the numbers had been based on a pilot study, take-up had not been sufficient with Swaffham.

Councillor Dimoglou felt that whilst it was a good scheme the cost per head appeared excessive. The Executive Director Place said that if the intervention was not available the cost on alternative health providers would far outweigh the cost of the project and therefore save the wider public purse.

Councillor Borrett welcomed the report, adding that it fitted in well with the County Council programme and the national strategic health programme. He was also glad to see that it supported the Breckland corporate objectives.

Options

- 1) To fully fund the funding application set out in the report
- 2) To part fund the funding application set out in the report
- 3) Do nothing

Reasons

The grant application meets the criteria of the scheme.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves £20,000 (or 6.5% of the total project costs for the entire three year project, whichever is the lower amount) to Creative Arts East for the 'Our Day Out' project.

8/17 MATCH FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The Executive Director Place presented the report outlining the three applications for match funding.

Councillor Robinson supported the work of the Benjamin foundation, but queried their financial business and suggested a financial plan should have been included within their application. The Executive Director of Place said that whilst he could not comment on the financial business of the charity, the application did meet the criteria on the ability to receive match funding.

The Chairman noted the comments and suggested that the match funding criteria be reviewed.

Councillor Crawford supported the project and added that the charity also provided support to the older community within Thetford.

Options

- 1) To fully fund the applications set out in the report
- 2) To part fund the applications set out in the report
- 3) Do nothing

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Reasons

The grant applications meet the criteria of the scheme.

RESOLVED that Cabinet approves the following grant awards:

- £8,086 (or 30% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to the Benjamin Foundation to contribute to the costs of re-roofing the Meet Up Community Centre on the Redcastle Furze Estate and insulating the Sports Hall ceiling.
- £14,000 (or 18.7% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to Swaffham Town Council to contribute towards a new multi-use games area on the Recreation Ground.
- £7,920 (or 30% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to Beeston Playing Field to provide a range of new play equipment.

9/17 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW REPORT – QUARTER 2 2016/17

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member Strategy, Governance and Transformation presented the report, highlighting the key success of the voice recognition system that had been implemented in December 2016. The feedback received had shown that the system had been a real success.

Councillor Claussen applauded the new system and said it would improve customer service.

The content of the report was noted.

10/17 MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE - GRANT CONFIRMATION

The Executive Director Place said the five market towns had been approached with proportional funding asking for projects, which met criteria, they would like to spend the outstanding residual funding.

Councillor Borrett fully supported the initiative.

Councillor Chapman-Allen mentioned it had previously been in the press about the Clock Tower in Thetford, and hoped Thetford Town Council would use some of the money to have it working.

The Chief Executive clarified that this was residual funding being used in the District's market towns. A further piece of work had started on supporting the market town initiative across a number of aspects and more information would be presented at a later date.

Options

- 1) To approve the Town Action Plans to enable the spend of the allocated money of £23,017
- 2) To not approve the recommendations and ask for further review of particular initiatives.
- 3) Do nothing

Reasons

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We have a clear commitment in our Corporate Plan to helping our market towns to thrive in order that they in turn provide the required support to surrounding villages and hinterlands. We recognise that Brecklands market towns need to be vibrant and busy, offering an interesting and enjoyable experience for visitors. Out of town and online shopping have drawn many people away from our town centres.

RESOLVED that:

- 1) That Cabinet approve the indicative Town Action Plans in appendix A to enable the spend of the allocated money of £23,017 from the Resource4Growth funds approved by Cabinet in February 2016.
- 2) That Cabinet agree to delegate authority to the Executive Manager (Growth and Prosperity) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Place to agree amendments to the Action Plans if requested by the relevant Market Town.

11/17 BRECKLAND BRIDGE STRATEGIC SITE REVIEW - PLANNING ACTIVITY

This report had been referred back from Council on 8 December 2016 for further consideration as the Council now had a 5-year land supply.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendations are not approved and the report be pulled.

12/17 NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting held on 7 February 2017 at 9.30am in the Norfolk Room, Elizabeth House, Dereham were noted.

13/17 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

14/17 ONE PUBLIC ESTATE

The Interim Executive Director Commercialisation provided Members with an overview of the Government's One Public Estate programme.

Options

See report

Reasons

See report.

RESOLVED that Cabinet agree to the recommendation as mentioned in the report.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am

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CHAIRMAN