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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

COUNCIL

Held on Thursday, 23 June 2011 at 10.30 am in the  
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

**PRESENT**

Mrs S Armes	Lady Fisher
Mr C G Carter	Mr R.F. Goreham (Vice-Chairman)
Mr T R Carter	Councillor E. Gould
Mr C S Clark	Mrs D.K.R. Irving
Cllr B J English	Mr A.P. Joel
Mr T J Jermy	Mr C.R. Jordan
Mrs E M Jolly	Mr M.A. Kiddle-Morris
Mr T F C Monument	Mr R.G. Kybird
Mrs J A North	Mr K. Martin
Mr R R Richmond	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mr W R J Richmond	Mrs K. Millbank
Mr M S Robinson	Mrs L.H. Monument
Mr B J Skull	Mr J.W. Nunn
Mr M A Wassell	Mr J.D. Rogers
Mr S. Askew	Mr S. J. F. Rogers
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mr B. Rose
Mr W.P. Borrett	Mr F.J. Sharpe
Councillor Claire Bowes	Mr I. Sherwood
Mr A.J. Byrne	Mr W.H.C. Smith
Mr R.P. Childerhouse	Mrs P.A. Spencer
Mr P.D. Claussen	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Mr J.P. Cowen	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr R.W. Duffield	Mr N.C. Wilkin (Chairman)
Mr P.J. Duigan	Mr D.R. Williams JP

**In Attendance**

Mark Stokes	- Deputy Chief Executive
Julie Britton	- Senior Committee Officer
Helen McAleer	- Senior Committee Officer

**71/11 MINUTES (AGENDA ITEM 1)**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2011 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**72/11 APOLOGIES (AGENDA ITEM 2)**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Darby, Mr S Green, Mrs P Quadling and Mrs A Steward.

**73/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM 3)**

No declarations were made.

**74/11 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 4)**

The Chairman noted that Mr Green was absent as he was sitting an 'A'

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level examination. He wished him well. He also congratulated Mr Childerhouse on become a father.

Members were encouraged to take part in the Strategic Enabling Team's 'enigmatic quiz' to raise funds for the Quidenham Children's Hospice.

The Chairman mentioned the various functions he had attended which had included a sports day at Thetford for disabled children which had been an emotional occasion.

**Engagements List – Chairman**

**12<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 to 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Host</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011	Civic Dinner for Outgoing Mayor of St. Edmundsbury, Councillor Ian Houlder	St. Edmundsbury Borough Council
22 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2011	King's Lynn & West Norfolk's Annual Civic Service marking the inauguration of the new Mayor	King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council
29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2011	Beating Retreat with the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment	The Worshipful the Mayor of St. Edmundsbury
15 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011	Sports Experience Day	Presidents Sporting Club and Essex Disabled Sports Foundation
19 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011	Mayor's Civic Service	Mayor of Thetford, Councillor Derek Mortimer
20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2011	Raising the Flag Ceremony	Breckland Council

**75/11 CABINET MINUTES - 31 MAY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 5)**

- (a) Capital Programme 2010/11 (Minute No 52/11)

**RESOLVED** that the final budget, outturn position and funding for 2010/11 and the budget and funding for the revised 2011/12 Capital Programme as detailed in Appendix A and B of the report be approved.

- (b) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 31 May 2011 be adopted.

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**76/11 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE - 16 MAY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 6)**

- (a) Urgent Business (Minute No 93/11)

**RESOLVED** that the name of the Development Control Committee be changed to the Planning Committee.

- (b) Local Development Framework (Minute No 94/11)

The Leader of the Council read a statement about the Community Infrastructure Levy (copy attached for information).

- (c) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the confirmed Minutes of the Development Control Committee meeting held on 16 May 2011 be adopted.

**77/11 APPEALS COMMITTEE - 9 JUNE 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 7)**

**RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Appeals Committee meeting held on 9 June 2011 be adopted.

**78/11 STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 17 MAY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 8)**

- (a) Standards Sub-Committee 16 June 2011 – Parish Council Representative (Minute No 37/11)

**RESOLVED** that the appointment of Mrs Janice Smith, JP and Mr Alexander Sommerville, CPM, as Parish Council representatives on the Standards Committee, be approved.

- (b) To consider what the Leader should be asked on the future of the Standards Regime (Minute No 41/11)

The Leader of the Labour Group suggested that all Members would be interested to know the views of the Leader on this matter and the Leader of the Council said that he was happy for other Members to attend the discussions.

- (c) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 17 May 2011 be adopted.

**79/11 MOVING THETFORD FORWARD BOARD: 20 MAY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 10)**

- (a) Riverside Regeneration Area (Minute No 17/11)

A Thetford Member sought clarification on car parking provision as it was not mentioned in the minutes.

The Leader of the Council explained that as part of the wider regeneration plans for Thetford a car parking review would take place. With regard to the Riverside Regeneration plan, only four

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car parking spaces would be lost.

Another Thetford Member asked if there were any access problems at the proposed new bus station. She also asked if Cabinet Members were aware of the growing disquiet concerning the relocation of the bus station.

The Leader of the Council confirmed that County Officers and bus drivers were at ease with the access arrangements for the proposed bus station. He also advised that the Moving Thetford Forward Board was made up of representatives from Thetford, not Cabinet Members.

A Member mentioned that there would be a small amount of carriageway realignment at the entrance to the bus station.

It was noted that the last word of the third paragraph should be viability not liability.

(b) **Any Other Business (Minute No 19/11)**

It was pointed out that the land at Arlington Way was within Brettenham Parish not Thetford Town and a Member of the Town Council advised that the wording would be changed to Parish Council when the Minutes were confirmed at the next Moving Thetford Forward Board meeting.

(c) **Minutes**

The unconfirmed Minutes of the Moving Thetford Forward Board meeting held on 20 May 2011 were noted.

**80/11 YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES - 12 APRIL AND 18 MAY 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

No Youth Council Minutes had been received.

**81/11 OUTSIDE BODIES APPOINTMENTS (AGENDA ITEM 11)**

**RESOLVED** that the following appointments be approved:

WREN	Mr M Wassell
Breckland Area Museums	Mr C Clark

**82/11 NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (AGENDA ITEM 12)**

**RESOLVED** that the following appointments be approved:

General Committee	Purposes	Mrs E Jolly and Mrs K Millbank as substitutes
Appeals Committee		Mr J Rogers replaced as substitute by Mr B English and Mr W Richmond
Licensing Committee		Mr M Wassell to replace Mr C Carter

ARP Joint Committee      Mr P Claussen and Mr W Smith

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**83/11 AUDIT COMMITTEE - 10 JUNE 2011 (AGENDA ITEM 13)**

(a) Draft Statement of Accounts (Minute No 33/11)

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) the policy to contribute revenue grant income received without conditions but not yet spent into the Revenue Grants Receipts in Advance Reserve be adopted;
- 2) the New Homes Bonus received in 2011-12 be contributed into the Organisational Development Reserve; and
- 3) the below budget revenue outturn of £400k be contributed into the Organisational Development Reserve.

(b) Adoption

**RESOLVED** that the unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 10 June 2011 be adopted.

The meeting closed at 11.02 am

CHAIRMAN

*Statement made by William Nunn, Leader of the Council on Thursday 23 June 2011.*

Members will be aware that the Public Inquiry into the Site Specifics Proposals DPD (Development Plan Document) is due to commence on 4 July 2011. The examination in public is expected to last for a week. The Inspectors report will follow and adoption of the DPD towards the end of this year.

Immediately following the July EIP the Council will begin work in earnest on the introduction of its Community Infrastructure Levy. This is a levy that Councils can charge on new developments in their area. The monies received can be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the Council, local community and neighbourhoods want. Further, the CIL can be District or area based.

The Council has already undertaken much of the preparatory work in identifying funding shortfalls in infrastructure but needs to investigate and subsequently demonstrate viability. There is also a public process to follow which will involve wide consultation and subsequent examination in public. This needs to be followed to ensure that the process is robust and the proposed charging schedule appropriate and deliverable. It is therefore unlikely that this Council will be in a position to adopt its own district-wide or area-based CIL/s until towards the end of 2012.

In the meantime, the Council continues to receive applications for development and some, including large schemes, will need to be determined in advance of an adopted CIL. It would be inappropriate to permit schemes in the interim which do not therefore deal with their own and wider infrastructure requirements up front. Consequently, the Council will be seeking to ensure that all developments deal with their own and related infrastructure requirements directly through the use of, for example, S106 legal agreements. The Council is also keen to ensure that all development delivered post-CIL contributes equitably. Officers are working towards identifying a range of mechanisms whereby this can be achieved and it must be stressed that until CIL is introduced it would be inappropriate to permit developments which do not either deliver the required infrastructure up-front or make arrangements for making an appropriate contribution towards necessary wider-infrastructure requirements.