

Breckland Council

Overview & Scrutiny Commission

Work Programme 2011 – 2012

This is only an outline programme and will be amended as issues arise or priorities change

Meeting date / Venue	Topic	Member / Officer	Exec Member / Portfolio	Objective	Comment / Outcome
1 September 2011	Executive Report	Mark Kiddle-Morris	Assets & Strategic Development	To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
Norfolk Rm,	Review of Local Development Framework	Keith Eccles / David Spencer	Mark Kiddle-Morris Asset & Strategic Dev.	An Annual review of LDF with specific attention to the implications of the Localism Bill and any advice and evidence on the Stone Curlew habitat debate as furthered by evidence from DEFRA, English Nature et al.	David Spencer invited to meeting 19/7.
	Disaster Recovery Planning	Emergency Planning Officer (Teresa Cannon)	Lynda Turner Localism, Community & Environmental Services	Understanding the issues re: emergency generation and back up supplies generally.	Teresa Cannon has been invited to provide a report/verbal update to OSC. (TS 20/7) Steve Udberg made aware of agenda item (TS 20/7) This item was requested from BIPSC 7.6.11
	Disaster Recovery - Bunker	Asset mgt (Ralph Burton) and Emergency Planning (Teresa Cannon)	Mark Kiddle-Morris Asset & Strategic Dev.	In-depth discussion of what the Council's requirements are for business continuity.	Teresa Cannon has been invited to provide a report/verbal update to OSC. (TS 20/7) Steve Udberg & Ralph Burton been informed of agenda item & I have requested their input at the meeting (TS 20/7) This item was requested from BIPSC 7.6.11
6 October 2011	Executive Report	Paul Claussen	Executive Member for Planning & Environmental Services	To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	Mr Claussen able to attend. (12/8)
	Drainage & Flooding	Drainage Board to Discuss new ways of working.		Should be at the centre of planning decisions	

	Breckland Tenancy Strategy	Anita Brennan, Housing	Paul Claussen	To adopt the Breckland Tenancy strategy	<i>(info from forward plan)</i>
	Homelessness Strategic Delivery Plan	Anita Brennan, Housing	Paul Claussen	To adopt the Homelessness Strategic Delivery Plan that sets out how the Council will streamline and improve its services to offer additional value for money over the next year.	<i>(Info from Forward Plan.)</i>
	Extension to Serco Environmental Services Contract	Sarah Bruton	Lynda Turner / Paul Claussen	To be confirmed	<i>(Info from Forward plan)</i>
	Health Review			To ensure that residents of Breckland are getting the best out of the NHS, e.g. looking at the new proposed arrangements for GPs managing their own budgets. Again in the light of the new health Bill, the provision of and GPs role in the commissioning of patient services.	
17 November 2011	Executive Report	tbc		To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
	Broadband access in Breckland			Invite a representative from Norfolk County Council (Ann Steward as exec member with responsibility for economic growth) to provide an update on the situation.	
	Stone Curlews <i>(should be a part of the LDF discussion and maybe spin out a T&FG as a consequence)</i>	Keith Eccles / David Spencer ?	Paul Claussen Planning & Environmental Serv.	A European Habitat Directive which focuses on developments within 1500m of nests is raising both planning issues and frustrations within the local community. A review could consider the plan of work and planning guidance.	
	Breckland Tenancy Strategy	Anita Brennan, Housing	Paul Claussen	New tenancy strategy	<i>(info from forward plan)</i>

6 January 2012	Executive Report	tbc		To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
	Future residential developments and the impact on surrounding towns/villages.	Forward planning team, CIL implications, section 278 contributions etc.	Paul Claussen Planning & Environmental Serv.	A Substantial new residential development is taking place on the old RAF Watton site. The Site is in the village of Carbrooke (i.e. not within the town of Watton) and the development has raised issues within the local community. To consider the impacts should this happen in the future.	
	Discretionary & Non-Discretionary Services	Business Improvement Team	Adrian Stasiak	To receive a report on the impact of discretionary & non-discretionary services within the authority.	TS to liaise with BIT.
9 February 2012	Executive Report	tbc		To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
	Impact of Recession	Economic Development?		Looking at the issues around the effect of the recession on the Breckland area, e.g. knock-on effects on employment etc.	
	Homelessness in Breckland	Housing	Paul Claussen	To receive a report on the financial pressures and effects homelessness is having on Breckland.	
15 March 2012	Executive Report	tbc		To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
	BT Phone Box removal plan			Scope to scrutinise the current removal plan.	
26 April 2012	Executive Report	tbc		To provide an Executive update on portfolio.	
	Norfolk Fire & Rescue			Invite a representative for an update on issues affecting the Breckland area.	

Utilities Review – there is to be a single meeting arranged to look at the work the main utility companies are undertaking to enable the necessary infrastructure to be in place when large scale development takes place.

Note:

Standing items on OSC Agenda are:

- Executive Report (as listed in work programme)
- Joint Working Arrangements
- Call-in
- Councillor Call for Action
- Verbal updates from Outside bodies Scrutiny Panels, e.g Joint Scrutiny Panel (Phil Cowen) and Health Scrutiny Panel (Robert Kybird).
- Decision Tracking