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## BRECKLAND COUNCIL

### At a Meeting of the

### CABINET

Held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 9.30 am in  
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

#### PRESENT

Mr J.W. Nunn (Chairman)	Mr P M M Dimoglou
Mr S H Chapman-Allen (Vice-Chairman)	Mrs L.S. Turner
Mr C G Carter	Mr S.G. Bambridge
Mr J.P. Cowen	

#### Also Present

Mrs J Hollis	Mr J Newton
Mr K. Martin	Councillor M. Chapman-Allen

#### In Attendance

Anna Graves	- Chief Executive
Julie Kennealy	- Executive Director (Commercialisation)(S151 Officer)
Maxine O'Mahony	- Executive Director of Strategy & Governance
Teresa Smith	- Democratic Services Officer
Rob Walker	- Executive Director Place

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#### **56/16 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 April 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **57/16 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Robinson.

#### **58/16 URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

#### **59/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **60/16 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING**

Councillors M Chapman- Allen, Hollis, Martin and Newton.

#### **61/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

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**62/16 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)**

The Executive Member Place reminded Members that the administration for funding had been passed to the Community Foundation Trust. All applications for grants would be discussed and all other protocols remained in place.

Councillor M Chapman-Allen thanked the Cabinet for approving the TROD application which was very important for her ward. She was pleased to hear of the decisions of how Cabinet would approve funding.

The Chairman had noted that a pot of money had to be spent by the end of June and asked for more details of this.

The Executive Director Place confirmed that it was DC11 monies that had been secured under the unilateral undertakings from developments throughout the District. Parish Councils had been asked to submit an initial expression of interest by the end of May. He was keen to ensure that the money was allocated and spent within the 12-month period. The initial stage was for the Parish Council to provide a scope of the project and after an initial sorting, further support would be given to the Parishes to provide the detailed case.

Councillor Cowen understood that the money had been ring-fenced to particular clusters but asked if the money could be spread across parishes. The Executive Director Place confirmed it had been the decision of the Authority on how the money had been allocated, and if there was not a demand within the clusters, a report would be forwarded to Cabinet to consider to change the decision.

Councillor Carter asked what the take up had been. It was not yet known but the Portfolio Holder would be informed as soon as possible.

Councillor Turner said Members had been informed of the amount of money available for their cluster.

Councillor Dimoglou thanked the Executive Director Place and Executive Member Growth for the work that had gone into this piece, and suggested that Parishes produced a worked-up scheme of what they would like monies to be spent on in the future.

The Executive Director Place welcomed the suggestion and added that moving forward Parishes would need to have their worked up schemes set, as generic contributions would be a thing of the past. Applications would be submitted against specific Section 106 agreements which would be allocated against identified projects.

Councillor Hollis asked if the scheme was available to all community projects. The Executive Director Place said funding was open to community projects as long as it was an authorised body; it was not exclusive to Town and Parish Councils.

The Chairman asked that a review of the grants process and how grants were designed and funded be added to the Overview and Scrutiny work

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programme to provide clarity among Members. Therefore if processes needed to change, particularly around the cluster allocation, then recommendations could be forwarded to Cabinet.

**63/16 2015-16 REVENUE OUT-TURN**

The Executive Member for Finance presented the report.

**Reason for Recommendation**

To provide timely information to Members on the overall finances of the council.

**RESOLVED** that the report and appendix be noted.

**64/16 INWARD INVESTMENT & GROWTH**

The Executive Member for Income and Prosperity presented the report. Business cases had been put forward to the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership for funding to deliver growth and infrastructure at two identified locations. Breckland Council had committed £450k to undertake essential infrastructure preliminary programme which included an updated masterplan for the Thetford Enterprise Park. A further £450k had been allocated from the Norfolk Pooled Business rates to part fund the roundabout to enable access to the site.

This was a positive move for both Thetford and Attleborough and fully supported the bids that had been submitted.

The Executive Director Commercialisation said she was pleased to see this had come forward after the Section 106 for the Thetford Urban Extension had been agreed. She added that it was the Council's role to support housing and employment within the District.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

Whilst it is likely that the majority of the direct public sector resource needs to go into the TEP and Snetterton, unlocking the other two sites would benefit from a planned approach to employment growth as part of an overarching economic strategy in the longer term.

**Options**

1. Do nothing: rely on the private sector to unlock key employment sites at a point when return from investment is sufficiently high. Likely consequence is a significant increase in commuting out of Breckland to the major employment centres.
2. Concentrate all resources on the TEP and Snetterton sites and leave the other two sites entirely to the private sector to develop.
3. Build a balanced portfolio of investment across all four sites with an initial concentration on the TEP and Snetterton where the most significant barriers to development and greatest opportunities exist.

**RESOLVED** that:

1. Cabinet supported the approach to and priorities for growth outlined in the report.

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2. Cabinet noted the submission of business cases for Thetford TEP and delivery of power at Snetterton to New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership.

**65/16 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT PANEL (FOR INFORMATION)**

The minutes of the Member Development Panel meeting held on 14 April 2016 were noted.

**66/16 NEXT MEETING**

The arrangements for the next meeting held on 13 July at 9.30am in the Anglia Room, Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham were noted.

The meeting closed at 10.00 am

CHAIRMAN