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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

Held on Tuesday, 6 February 2018 at 9.30 am in
Norfolk & Dereham Rooms, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

PRESENT

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

Also Present

Mr W.P. Borrett	Mr K. Martin
Mr H. E. J. Clarke	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mr A.P. Joel	

In Attendance

Anna Graves	- Chief Executive
Christine Marshall	- Executive Director Commercialisation (S151 Officer)
Rob Walker	- Executive Director Place
Teresa Smith	- Democratic Services Team Leader

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14/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

15/18 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Stasiak.

16/18 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

17/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

18/18 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Borrett, Clarke, Joel, Martin and Matthews.

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19/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

The Deputy Leader advised that alternate meetings of Cabinet would be held in the market Towns across the district to allow Executive Members to have a better understanding of issues going forward. The next meeting of Cabinet would be held at Swaffham Town Hall and the start of the meeting would allow time for public questions.

20/18 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)

None.

21/18 QUARTER 3 2017-18 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW REPORT

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member of Strategy, Governance and Transformation informed Members that Quarter 3's performance had been assessed as 'fair' however there were 5 indicators that were 'red' meaning performance was poor and not achieving the minimum standard. The Executive Member for the area requiring improvement was working with Officers through the challenges and would report back to Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

The report was for information only.

22/18 NORFOLK STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

The Executive Member for Growth presented the report explaining it was a framework that had been formulated with key strategic partners and was supported across Norfolk.

Options

Option 1 – That Cabinet endorse the document as part of the Council's ongoing commitment to the Duty to Co-operate.

Option 2 – That Cabinet note the contents of the framework but does not endorse the document.

Reasons

Endorsing option 1 will provide the Council with further demonstration of a continued and active engagement in Strategic Planning activity under the Localism Act's Duty to Co-operate.

RESOLVED that Cabinet considered the document and endorsed the framework as part of the Council's ongoing Duty to Co-operate activity.

23/18 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2017-18

The Executive Member for Finance highlighted that the Quarter 3 report provided a good forecast and whilst it showed a minor over spend currently which by the end of the financial year there could be further savings generated.

Options

Option 1 - That the report and appendix be noted and that any below budget spend at 31 March 2018 up to £100,000 is contributed into the Organisational

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Development Reserve to be used for feasibility studies relating to growth and investment fund projects (to be added to the existing £100,000 currently held & subject to the existing release approvals)

Option 2 - That the report and appendix be noted and no funding is contributed into the Organisational Development reserve.

Reasons

To provide timely information to Members on the overall financial position of the Council, enabling resource re-allocation to priorities where necessary.

It was **RESOLVED** that:

- 1) That the report and appendix be noted
- 2) That any below budget spend at 31 March 2018 up to £100,000 is contributed into the Organisational Development Reserve to be used for feasibility studies relating to growth and investment fund projects (to be added to the existing £100,000 currently held & subject to the existing release approvals).

24/18 BUDGET SETTING, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN & CAPITAL STRATEGY

The Leader said was pleased to see that Breckland would reduce the reliance of the Revenue Support Grant (RSG) to nil in 2018/19. In addition the reliance on the New Homes Bonus with indicative values of £1.7m in 2018/19 and £1.4m in 2019/20 would be contributed into the Communities reserves and was publicly committed to spend within the community projects.

The Executive Member for Finance added that through the Growth and Investment fund, and the Communities fund, would allow greater opportunity to invest in the District.

The Executive Member for Place added that the report had reflected an exciting opportunity going forward.

The Leader also echoed this comment, and thanked the Executive Director of Commercialisation and the Chief Accountant for their work.

Options

Option 1 - Recommendations 1 to 6 above are approved.

Option 2 - That amendments are made before recommendations 1 to 6 above are approved.

Reasons

To comply with budgetary and policy framework.

RECOMMEND to Full Council that:

- 1) The Breckland revenue estimates and parish special expenses for 2018-19 and outline position through to 2021-22 (as set out in Appendix B and E) are approved.
- 2) The capital estimates and associated funding for 2018-19 and outline

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position through to 2021-22 (as set out in Appendix H) are approved.

- 3) The fees and charges shown at Appendix D and D2, for adoption on 1 April 2018 are approved.
- 4) The Council Tax is set at £83.88 for a Band D property in 2018-19 (a £4.95 per annum increase on 2017-18 levels).
- 5) The financial Medium Term Plan at Appendix A is approved.
- 6) The Capital Strategy at Appendix G is approved.

25/18 NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting on 20 March 2018 at 9.30am at Swaffham Town Council, Town Hall, 4 London Street, Swaffham, PE37 7DQ were noted.

The meeting closed at 10.02 am

CHAIRMAN