

"Supporting Breckland to develop and thrive"



Declared an air quality management area to address levels of traffic related nitrogen dioxide in an area of Swaffham, which will result in us working with stakeholders to improve air quality and as a consequence, public health, in this area.



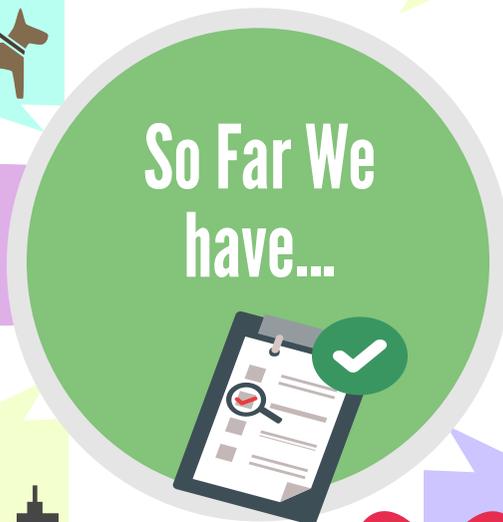
Continued to meet as part of the antisocial behaviour advisory group which brings together multiple agencies to share and support on cases, giving a co-ordinated approach to support and action against ASB.



Commenced promotion of a 'smoke-free side-lines' project to help 'de-normalise' smoking. So far we have 6 Breckland youth football clubs that have signed up to the project.

Continued to work very closely with our colleagues in Food Standards Agency, HSE, Police, and Trading Standards etc. in order to prevent food fraud/crime and restrict the supply of illegal tobacco products in licensed premises

Continued to proactively and reactively deal with dog fouling to ensure public spaces are cleaner for resident use.



Completed the sale of 6 houses with 3 more under offer in our Mileham development in conjunction with Breckland Bridge

Established a commercial trading arm known as EHT&C to assist businesses with all areas of environmental health training/consultancy as well as Improved education opportunities by expanding the current range of courses on offer to include on-line courses as well as bespoke and on-site training and consultancy

Procured consultancy to provide evidence for the expansion of the Cambridge-Norwich Technology Corridor to improve links for Breckland residents to both Cities.



Developed a strategic health and wellbeing action plan and in partnership with Public Health, have identified Thetford as a priority area for investigation on priority health and wellbeing issues.

RESPECT Zones continue in car parks across the district which have seen reduced levels of ASB in these areas and identifying number plates for contacting those who are behaving antisocially.



Developed our Local Plan which has been through its final round of consultation prior to submission in November.

Secured planning permission and started construction of a second phase of housing development at Mileham via our Breckland Bridge property and development partnership



In partnership with Norfolk Community Foundation, allocated £250,000 of grants to projects in the District including children's play area and outdoor sport provisions.



"Providing the right services, at the right time and in the right way"



Updated our website and improved the contact methods for residents including promotion of digital options for our services with applications and payments available online via the digital channel shift process which has saved time and money



Launched a commercial arm of the Public Protection team offering environmental health training and consultancy (EHTC), offering a wide range of advice and training to businesses

Worked with the LGA and National press to ensure that there is positive media circulated about the work being done by Breckland, thereby increasing our presence externally and promoting us a partner of choice.

Made improvements with the technology and infrastructure of the Council to make it easier for staff to work and be business ready and for us to work with external partners.



Won the highly prestigious Municipal Journal Award for Commercialism in the Property estate.

So Far We have...



Extended Human Resources services to receive additional income around £18,000 including payroll and learning and development courses.

Reviewed our services and how we operate commercially through the moving forward programme as well as provided training to staff and communication on all developments and ongoing projects within the programme



Developed new digital services including a 'connect and serve' log in for ARP customers to improve the customers experience and ability to access their benefit information



Modernised the committee processes by utilising Mod.gov more both by the staff and the members ensuring that we are compliant with our committee requirements and enabling members better and quicker access to information, such as agendas.



Worked with businesses in respect of National Food hygiene Rating Scheme making sure businesses are 'broadly compliant'. The number of 3, 4 and 5 rated premises are at their highest ever level in the District



Completed financial analysis to review our asset base with a view to commercialising assets where possible. A report is due to the Scrutiny Committee of the Council

Recruited a new legal team which will support services and ensure the Council is legally compliant, assisting with legal matters throughout the Council



Ensured that the annual electoral registration is on track for publication in December as required, this is being done in conjunction with the new digital enhancements to the process to improve the procedure



"Developing the local economy to be vibrant with continued growth"



Worked with other organisations, including the DWP to review and encourage work placed training as well as holding job fairs and engaging with schools in conjunction with job centre plus.



Lead on the growth of Thetford with the design of the access roundabout on schedule and £10m funding bid made to support infrastructure projects.



Continued to work with partners on scoping a business case for enhancements to the A47 including contribution to a brochure supporting investment

Supported the growth of the Attleborough area by working with the developers and providing suitable planning advice to improve the process.

Influenced enhancements to digital broadband speeds with 84% of the district now able to receive high speed broadband



Submitted a revised proposal to the Local Plan Delivery Board for a Start-up Incubations centre which will support new businesses to survive and growth beyond their initial years of trading.

Engaged through the process of the development of the Economic Strategy Brochure to influence its contents with proposals going to members to endorse the strategy



Made referrals for business to the New Anglia LEP to facilitate and support grants for business growth in the District.

Provided Food, Health & Safety, Licensing and Environmental Protection advice for new businesses



Promoted Primary Authority Relationships and acted as Primary Authority which has helped shape strong relationships and be a partner of choice



Provided Licensing pre-application advice service to support and grow business

Made regular visits to key businesses in the District to provide advice and assistance on the range of support services available from the Council and partners.



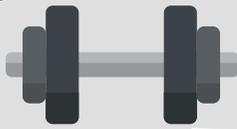
Seen the opening of Grand Central, the first restaurant in the new Riverside scheme in Thetford.



"Enabling stronger, more independent communities"



Overseen the extension of the facilities in Thetford, providing a new free weights area in the gym which was done at no cost to the council with positive feedback from users.



Commenced delivery of the 'silver social' project which is delivering workshops across the district to those who are at risk of being socially isolated.



Continued to work in partnership with Public Health England.



Met with all 5 of our Town Councils to begin to develop schemes of collaborative projects that will look to ensure each Market Town: is economically vibrant; achieves long term sustainability; has a clear distinct identity; is an attractive and popular destination for all, has an enhanced and protected environment, and secures 3rd party investment.

Successfully completed a pilot business rates rebate scheme in Dereham



So Far We have...



Improved our safeguarding responsibilities by setting up internal operational and strategic safeguarding boards

Submitted an expression of interest to Sport England for funding to extend the 'fit families' project across the district in order to improve the health and well-being of many more families.

Created a co-located area in Breckland House Thetford which is currently utilised by the following partners

- Childrens Services
- Social Workers (FIT2)
- Health Visitors
- Flagship Homes
- Norfolk Constabulary

Fortnightly 'referral' meetings have been established as well as monthly strategic boards and Early discussions are taking place with GP's to determine how they can link into the Help Hub and also develop a social prescribing model to reduce demand on their services

Investigated infectious disease and food poisoning outbreaks to ensure prevention and control



Sampled food and water supplies/bathing water to prevent ill health and early intervention



Contributed an additional £250k to the Market Towns Initiative and reset the scope, objectives and terms of reference for the Steering Group and Project group working to achieve those objectives.