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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

Held on Tuesday, 21 May 2019 at 9.30 am in
Norfolk & Dereham Rooms, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham

PRESENT

Mr S. H. Chapman-Allen
(Chairman)
Mr S.G. Bambridge
Mr M. S. Robinson

Mr I. Sherwood
Mrs A. M. Webb

Also Present

Mr W.P. Borrett
Councillor C. Bowes
Mr T. Birt

Mr I. Martin
Mr P. Morton

In Attendance

Anna Graves
Christine Marshall

Maxine O'Mahony

Rob Walker
Alison Chubbock

Teresa Smith

- Chief Executive
- Executive Director Commercialisation (S151 Officer)
- Executive Director of Strategy & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
- Executive Director Place
- Chief Accountant (Deputy Section 151 Officer) (BDC)
- Democratic Services Team Leader

Action By

30/19 MINUTES

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

31/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Claussen, Cowen and Hewett.

32/19 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

33/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

34/19 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Birt, Borrett, Bowes, I Martin and Morton.

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35/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

36/19 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)

(a) Match Funding (large) application - Caston Parish Council

The Executive Member for Community, Leisure and Culture presented the report and explained that Caston Parish Council was seeking a grant to support their project to create a play area within the village. At present Caston did not have specific facilities for the children and the nearest play facility required a car journey into the next village.

The Norfolk County Councillor for Caston, Councillor Claire Bowes was pleased to see the application and the recommendation being put forward.

Reason for Recommendation

The grant application met the criteria of the scheme and all of the funding was in place. There had been effective consultation with young people in the village and there were sufficient funds remaining in the match funding budget to support the request.

Options

1. To fully fund the application as set out in the report.
2. To partly fund the application as set out in the report.
3. Do nothing.

RESOLVED that the grant award of £7,800 (or 30% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to the Caston Parish Council to create a play area in the village be approved.

(b) Match Funding (large) application - Yaxham Village Amenities Association

The Executive Member for Community, Leisure and Culture explained how the report sought approval for a grant to support the costs of a range of repairs and improvements to the village hall.

Councillor Ian Martin added that the village hall required various essential works to bring the building to a modern standard and future proof it. He added the conditions that had been set had not been achieved by the end of April as it was hoped, however it was being dealt with.

The Executive Director for Place confirmed that any outstanding matters would be included as part of the conditions of the grant, should it be agreed.

Reasons for Recommendation

The grant application meets the criteria of the scheme and the application evidences that the works were necessary and would help the village hall to retain existing users and increase overall usage.

Options

1. To fully fund the application as set out within the report.
2. To partly fund the application as set out within the report.

3. Do nothing.

RESOLVED that the grant of £13,368 (or 30% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to Yaxham Village Amenities Association towards the cost of a range of repairs and improvements to the village hall be approved.

37/19 FINANCIAL OUT-TURN 2018-19

The Executive Director for Commercialisation presented the report which provided information on the actual full-year financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2019, together with a progress update on the transformation programme. The final full year actual was an above budget spend of £169,000 (1.3%). There were some higher-value variances which had been identified and included higher costs of temporary accommodation leading to a £137,000 above budget spend within Housing; this would continue to be monitored.

Reasons for Recommendation

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

To enable approved capital projects to continue to deliver in the new financial year.

Options

1. That the report and appendices be noted; and recommend to Full Council that:
 - Capital budgets (& associated funding sources) of £3,324,705 be carried forward into 2019-2020 to support projects in progress.
 - The final capital out-turn and funding for 2018-19 as detailed in Appendix B be approved.
 - The revised capital budget and associated funding for the 2019-20 capital programme detailed in Appendix C be approved.
2. That the report and appendices be noted and changes be made to the recommendations to Full Council.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report and appendices; and

RECOMMEND to FULL COUNCIL that:

- 1) Capital budgets (& associated funding sources) of £3,324,705 be carried forward into 2019-2020 to support projects in progress.
- 2) The final capital out-turn and funding for 2018-19 as detailed in Appendix B be approved.
- 3) The revised capital budget and associated funding for the 2019-20 capital programme detailed in Appendix C be approved.

38/19 SWAFFHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - MAKING (ADOPTION) OF THE SWAFFHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Executive Member for Planning congratulated Swaffham in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and felt Neighbourhood Plans were good for all communities.

The Executive Member for Customer Engagement said as Ward Member for

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Swaffham, he was fully aware of the amount of work residents of Swaffham had put into the plan and the level of engagement they had managed to achieve had been complementary.

Reasons for Recommendation

It was recommended that Members endorse Option 1, as there had been a positive vote in favour for making the Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan through a Referendum and there was considered to be compliance, rather than being incompatible, with European obligations and Human Rights conventions.

Options

- 1) agree to “make” the Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan and is “made” as part of the statutory Development Plan for Breckland Council, as required by paragraph (4)(a) of section 38A of the Town and Country Planning Act as “...more than half of those voting to have voted in favour of the plan ...”, and to undertake the required publication, advise the Town Council and other prescribed persons and subsequently update the district policies map.
- 2) do not make the Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan where “...it considers that the Plan would breach, or would otherwise be incompatible with any EU obligation or any of the Convention Rights (within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 1998).”

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Swaffham Neighbourhood Plan, as written at the time of the referendum, be “made” as part of the statutory Development Plan for Breckland Council, as required by paragraph (4)(a) of section 38A of the Town and Country Planning Act (Option1);
- 2) To publish the decision as required by paragraph (9) of section 38A of the Town and Country Planning Act;
- 3) To advise Swaffham Town Council and any other prescribed persons about the decision, to meet the requirements of paragraph (10) of section 38A of the Town and Country Planning Act;
- 4) To amend the Breckland district policies map to meet the requirements of paragraph 9 Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

39/19 ANGLIA REVENUES AND BENEFITS PARTNERSHIP

The minutes of the meeting of the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership held on 26 March 2019 were noted.

40/19 NEXT MEETING

The Chairman informed Members that Cabinet meetings would be taking place around the District, and therefore the next meeting on 25 June 2019 would take place in Swaffham (venue to be confirmed).

The meeting closed at 9.50 am

CHAIRMAN