
BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

Held on Monday, 19 October 2020 at 9.30 am

**THIS MEETING IS IN LINE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME
PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND
CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020**

PRESENT

Mr S. H. Chapman-Allen
(Chairman)
Mr P.D. Claussen (Vice-
Chairman)
Mr S.G. Bambridge
Mr M. S. Robinson

Mr I. Sherwood
Mrs S. E. Suggitt
Mrs A. M. Webb

Also Present

Mr R. Atterwill
Mr W.P. Borrett
Miss H. Bushell
Mrs S. Dowling
Mr P.J. Duigan

Mr R.G. Kybird
Mr I. Martin
Mr D. Wickerson
Mr P. S. Wilkinson

In Attendance

Maxine O'Mahony

Jason Cole
Greg Pearson
Julie Britton
Teresa Smith

- Executive Director of Strategy & Governance
(Monitoring Officer)
- Executive Manager People & Innovation
- Senior Policy Advisor
- Democratic Services Officer
- Democratic Services Team Leader

Action By

60/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

61/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Cowen and Hewett.

62/20 URGENT BUSINESS

The Chairman explained he had withdrawn Agenda Item 'The Planning Register and General Data Protection Regulations' to a future date of Cabinet. He wanted to ensure that as a District Council it was being as open and transparent as possible with applicants, residents and wider community and ensure wider uniformity with other councils across the County.

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63/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

64/20 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Atterwill, Borrett, Bushell, Dowling, Duigan, Kybird, Martin, Wickerson and Wilkinson.

65/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

66/20 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)

The Executive Member for Community, Leisure & Culture informed Members that whilst there were no applications to present to Cabinet, there had been seven applications received that were at various stages of the funding application process.

67/20 THE PLANNING REGISTER AND GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The item had been deferred to a future Cabinet meeting.

68/20 UPDATE ON BRECKLAND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (STANDING ITEM)

The Executive Member for Customer Engagement and champion for Climate Change was pleased to present the report to Members on progress that had been made. He explained that Breckland Council had declared a climate emergency in September 2019, and agreed to work towards the Breckland Sustainability Strategy with an associated programme of work. The coronavirus pandemic had significantly impacted the original timeframes of delivery, however since June 2020 steady progress had been made.

He highlighted the salient points of the report that included that the Council had now switched its energy provider that would save the Council an estimated 357.55tCO₂ per year. The Council had set aside a budget of £24,000 to help gather evidence to inform the developing strategy and a proportion had been used to fund the carbon audit. A fixed-term Environment and Climate Change Officer had been created by the Council to provide additional resource to help support and take the agenda forward. Members had been invited to a Members forum on the 9th November that would invite feedback and ideas from Members. The draft strategy would be taken to the Overview and Scrutiny for consultation in December with a view for final signoff from Council in January 2021.

Councillor Atterwill asked if the change of energy supplier would save the Council money. It was confirmed that the cost was in the region of 0.05p per kw/h which would add to what was already paid in region of £800 - £1500 per year. The Council's total budget for energy provision is in excess of £100,000.

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Councillor Atterwill agreed it was the right decision and went onto ask if consideration had been given to introduce energy efficiency within Elizabeth House or Breckland House. The Senior Policy Advisor had been in discussions with departments across the Council to consider ways the Council could reduce carbon and more information on what actions could be taken would be much clearer after its carbon audit was completed.

Councillor Wickerson asked how much of the allocated budget remained and if the omissions information would be available at the Members forum on the 9th November. It was confirmed that £14,000 remained in the budget. The high-level emissions strategy would not be available for the meeting in November but available in time for the Overview and Scrutiny meeting at the beginning of December.

Councillor Dowling asked how long the fixed-term Environment and Climate Change Officer would be in post for. The Senior Policy Advisor informed Members that the position had initially been advertised for 2-years, but could be extended if necessary.

The Chairman informed Members it had been agreed to set up a political Oversight Board for Norfolk to provide a strategic direction to consider opportunities across Norfolk.

Members noted the content of the report.

69/20 ANGLIA REVENUES AND BENEFITS PARTNERSHIP

The Chairman thanked the Anglia Revenues and Benefits team and the important role in providing support for both residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The minutes of the Anglia Revenues and Benefits Partnership meeting held on 15 September 2020 were noted.

70/20 NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting on Monday 30 November at 9.30am were noted.

The meeting closed at 10.00 am

CHAIRMAN