

Appendix 2

Summary of Feedback from Member Forum on the Breckland Sustainability Strategy

Held on: 9th November 2020

In attendance: Cllr Bushell, Cllr Gilbert, Cllr Kybird, Cllr Morton, Cllr Monument, Cllr Bambridge, Cllr M. Chapman-Allen, Cllr Cowen, Cllr Bowes, Cllr Atterwill, Cllr Wickerson, Cllr Crane, Cllr Martin, Cllr Webb, Cllr Eagle, Cllr Duigan, Cllr Nunn, Cllr Dowling, Cllr Askew, Cllr S. Chapman-Allen, Cllr Sherwood, Cllr Claussen

Summary of meeting: Feedback was positive and supported the proposed direction of the policy. The following bullet points summarise the key bits of feedback from the session: -

- a. The use of our regulatory powers to drive this agenda was important to members, they wanted these to be a mechanism to affect behavioural change
- b. The role of the Local Plan as enabler to this was key particularly around future policies and design principles
- c. There is an appetite to secure government funding to support this agenda (particularly looking to access those funds announced in the Government's COVID-19 recovery strategy)
- d. There is a level of urgency around this agenda and timescales for delivery needs to reflect this
- e. There is a need to explore the most effective carbon sinks not just trees, and where we do create tree planting schemes these need to ensure the right trees are planted in the right habitats
- f. There is a role for Town and Parish Councils to commit resource to supporting this agenda
- g. There is a need to focus on water management and conservation for the future
- h. There is a need to explore energy provision for the future, including exploring the options for placement of solar PV panels
- i. Communication with and education of our residents on these matters is key to success
- j. Better and more meaningful engagement with partners is need particularly around improving the impact of housing on the environment