



## **BRECKLAND COUNCIL**

### **DELEGATED DECISION RECORD**

This records a key or other decision taken by an Executive Member, the Cabinet or Cabinet Sub-Committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of Delegations (as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).

Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

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| <b>Portfolio/Cabinet</b>                  | Cabinet   |
| <b>Report Title (&amp; Reference No.)</b> | Breckland Collective Energy Switching Scheme  |
| <b>Summary Background</b>                 | To consider the establishment of a collective energy switching scheme for Breckland.  |
| <b>Author/Contact Officer</b>             | Sarah Simpson (Environmental Awareness Coordinator)   |
| <b>Ward(s) Affected</b>                   | All Wards   |
| <b>Urgent?</b>                            | No  |
| <b>Key Decision?</b>                      | No  |
| <b>In Forward Plan?</b>                   | No  |
| <b>Date Decision Taken</b>                | Tuesday, 20 November 2012   |
| <b>Date Published</b>                     | Thursday, 22 November 2012  |
| <b>Call-In Expiry</b>                     | Thursday, 29 November 2012  |
| <b>Exempt Information?</b>                | No  |
| <b>Decision (Action Agreed)</b>           | That a Breckland Council collective energy switching scheme be commissioned, and subject to successful discussions, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive or the Deputy Chief Executive to enter into a contract and deliver a collective switching energy scheme on behalf of Breckland residents. |
| <b>Reasons(s)</b>                         | The recommendation is to commission Breckland's own collective energy switching scheme. Having direct management over the scheme will enable the Council to   |

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|                                   | <p>shape and develop the scheme and provide a positive message that the Council is helping and supporting its residents on a local level. Once established, the scheme will be relatively low cost to run, as it can be predominately web based, and the bulk of marketing material will be covered within the set up costs.</p>   |
| <p><b>Options</b></p>             | <p><b>Option 1 - Do nothing</b></p> <p>Households in Breckland would not have the opportunity to participate in a collective energy switching scheme. They would continue to purchase energy on an individual basis, potentially at a higher price, increasing the chance of the household falling into fuel poverty. If other local authorities offer the scheme and we do not, residents may deem us to not be supporting our local communities.</p> <p><b>Option 2 - To commission our own collective energy switching scheme</b></p> <p>The Council will engage the services of a private sector switching specialist to manage a collective switching scheme for the Council.</p> <p><b>Option 3 - To commence a collective switching process by joining the Peterborough led consortium</b></p> <p>The council will engage with the consortium, who will operate and manage the scheme on the councils behalf.</p> |
| <p><b>Further Information</b></p> | <p>committee report - Collective Energy Purchasing</p>   |