



## **BRECKLAND COUNCIL**

### **DELEGATED DECISION RECORD**

This records a key or other decision taken by an Executive Member or the Cabinet 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.

<b>Portfolio/Cabinet</b>	Cabinet
<b>Report Title (&amp; Reference No.)</b>	Site Specific Policies & Proposals Development Plan Document 2001-2026 - Proposed Submission Document
<b>Summary Background</b>	<p>The report sought Members' approval to publish then submit the Site Specific Policies and Proposals Document including any Cabinet recommendation and those changes required to satisfy Habitats Regulations. Publication and submission represents the last stage of document production and effectively represents the final opportunity for Breckland Council to shape the documents before it is considered at an examination in Public by a Government Inspector. Following consultation earlier in 2010 on a detailed Site Specifics document, the proposed submission version of the document had been further updated for consideration by Cabinet to reflect those changes which were necessary as a result of previous responses received. During preparation of the document there had been 8 public meetings of the Council's LDF Task &amp; Finish Group and 2 meetings of Cabinet. This level of scrutiny, together with the considerable public consultation and evidence base which underpins the document, meant that the Council could publish and submit a sound document which would help manage development in the market towns and rural parts of Breckland for the next 15-16 years.</p>
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<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	All Breckland Wards with the exception of Wards in Thetford, Attleborough and the Snetterton Heath area as these will be the subject of separate Area Action Plans
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Key Decision?</b>	Yes - It is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	Yes
<b>Date Decision Taken</b>	Tuesday, 11 January 2011
<b>Date Published</b>	Thursday, 13 January 2011
<b>Call-In Expiry</b>	N/A
<b>Exempt Information?</b>	No
<b>Decision (Action Agreed)</b>	<p><b><u>RESOLVED</u></b> that the recommendations made by the LDF Task &amp; Finish Group meeting on 15 December 2010 be noted and agreed.</p> <p><b><u>RECOMMEND</u></b> to Council that the Site Specific Policies and Proposals document be adopted and published for a period of at least six weeks prior to submission to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public by a Government appointed Inspector whose report will be binding on the authority unless comments received during the 6 week of pre-submission publication indicates that the document is unsound and should be withdrawn.</p>
<b>Reasons(s)</b>	Members are asked to approve Option A in order to allow the timely progression of a sound development framework for the market towns, Local Service Centres and villages.
<b>Options</b>	<p><u>Option A</u></p> <p>Members agree that the Council publishes the Site Specific Policies and Proposals document, including any Cabinet recommendations and any amendments necessary for appropriate assessment for a period of at least 6 weeks. Members further agree to submit the Site Specific Policies and Proposals document to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public by a Government appointed Inspector whose report will be binding on the authority unless comments received during the 6 weeks of pre-submission publication indicate that the document is unsound and should be withdrawn.</p> <p><u>Option B</u></p> <p>Members do not agree that the Council publishes the Site Specific Policies and Proposals document, including amendments. Members also not agree to submit the Site Specifics Policies and Proposals document to the Secretary of State for an Examination in Public by a Government appointed Inspector.</p>
<b>Further Information</b>	None.