
BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

**Held on Tuesday, 15 March 2016 at 9.30 am in
Anglia Room, The Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham**

PRESENT

Mr M. A. Wassell (Chairman)	Councillor M. Chapman-Allen
Mrs L.S. Turner (Vice-Chairman)	Mr P M M Dimoglou
Mr C G Carter	Mrs E. M. Jolly
Mr T R Carter	Mr P S Wilkinson

Also Present

Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mr K. Martin
Mr W.P. Borrett	Mr J Newton
Mrs J Hollis	Mr J.W. Nunn
Mr A.P. Joel	

In Attendance

Margaret Bailey	- Senior Accountant Capital and Treasury
Richard Boole	- Environmental Protection Manager (shared)
Ralph Burton	- Strategic Property Manager (BDC)
Anna Graves	- Chief Executive
Julie Kennealy	- Executive Director (Commercialisation)(S151 Officer)
Teresa Smith	- Democratic Services Officer
Mark Stinson	- Executive Manager Governance (Deputy Monitoring Officer BDC)
Sarah Wolstenholme-Smy	- Interim Legal Services Manager

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29/16 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30/16 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cowen and the Executive Director Strategy & Governance.

31/16 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

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32/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

33/16 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Bambridge, Borrett, Hollis, Joel, Martin, Newton, and Nunn.

34/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed Members that Agenda Item 12 (Barnham Broom) would be presented at a future Cabinet meeting.

35/16 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)

The Executive Member for Place thanked Ward Members for supporting Parish Councils with the Grants process.

The 'Clean for the Queen' initiative had been very effective with over 30 applications received and £4000 given in Grants so far. The project involved communities getting together to clean within their community and a grant of £200 could be used after the cleaning event, and encouraged communities to celebrate with a tea-party.

Five Community funding applications had been received which included grants to support play areas, a bowling green, kitchen refurbishment and a defibrillator.

Councillor Dimoglou thanked Councillor Carter for the service provided on 'Clean for Queen' grants.

Councillor C Carter said that the Sharepoint system was working well, and he was pleased that his wards in particular would benefit hugely.

36/16 CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Public Protection presented the report and added that Local Authorities had a duty in the way in which contaminated land was dealt with, and the Strategy had been updated to reflect recent changes.

Councillor C Carter asked if the report was up to date bearing in mind the Council had been preparing their Local Plan. The Environmental Protection Manager confirmed that the Strategy had been updated to reflect the changes within the planning framework.

Councillor Bambridge asked if it added an additional burden to those submitting planning applications. The Environmental Protection Manager said the strategy was fundamentally the same, and some rules had been relaxed slightly.

Reasons for Recommendation

To ensure legal compliance and to ensure that the Contaminated Land Strategy is fit for purpose going forwards and reflects the most recent statutory guidance, changing financial resources and local circumstances.

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1. Do nothing and retain the current published Contaminated Land Strategy dated June 2011, contrary to the regulatory requirements and statutory guidance.
2. Publish a revised Contaminated Land Strategy as required by new regulatory requirements, having regard to the most current statutory guidance.

RESOLVED that the revised Contaminated Land Strategy (4th Edition) be approved.

37/16 BRECKLAND BRIDGE BUSINESS PLAN 2015-19

Councillor Wassell, Chairman of the Breckland Bridge Ltd Joint Venture Monitoring Board said the report looked forward to a second year of operation of Breckland Bridge, and reinforced and updated the original business plan. Remarkable progress had been made within the first year, particularly with the re-generation of Thetford. Houses were already under construction in Mileham and would commence shortly in Attleborough.

The relationship between Breckland Council and the Land Group had been key as had the hard work that had been put in by both Officers and Members.

The Executive Director Commercialisation added that the business plan had small changes and there was a contractual requirement to approve the business plan yearly.

Councillor Joel said the business plan was set up for an initial five years, and asked if it would be re-considered before the end of that period, rather than allowing time to lapse. The Executive Director of Commercialisation confirmed that an additional strand had been added into the contract to look at future work.

Councillor Martin said that whilst the work on Chapel Road Attleborough was behind, he hoped that commitment to the project would still be maintained.

Councillor Jolly passed on her appreciation to the Officers in bringing the project to fruition. It had been a platform to improve relationships in the district through the re-generation.

Councillor T Carter added that the residents of Mileham had been appreciative of the consideration that was given to them with respect of maximising noise and disruption when the groundworks were being undertaken.

Reasons for recommendation

The Council has contractually committed to the delivery of the Mileham and Riverside projects and the intention is to commit to the third project (Chapel Road, Attleborough) as previously agreed in March 2015 when Council approved entering into the joint venture.

Performance from the first three projects is as expected at this time and the forecast is that activity to enable completion of these projects will occur within

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the first 5 year period as planned.

Subject to the risks identified which continue to be monitored the overall return to the Council is still positive in terms of regeneration and financial outturn.

The intention of the partnership is to extend it beyond the initial business plan period and the updated business plan presented for approval is building the platform for that extension by preparing sites for a development pipeline. Therefore there is still potential for more delivery and growth in the future and the partnership is working well for the Council.

Options

To re-approve the updated Breckland Bridge Ltd initial business plan 2015-2020.

RESOLVED that the updated Breckland Bridge Ltd initial business plan 2015-20 be re-approved.

38/16 NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting on 19 April 2016 at 9.30am in the Anglia Room, Conference Suite, Elizabeth House, Dereham were noted.

39/16 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

This resolution was not moved.

40/16 BARNHAM BROOM

This would be presented at a future Cabinet.

41/16 BRECKLAND BRIDGE BUSINESS PLAN - APPENDICES

Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 9.50 am

CHAIRMAN