



AGENDA

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Members of the Council are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **District Council** which will be held at **10.00 am** on **Thursday, 24th September, 2020** via **Virtual meeting via Zoom**

Yours faithfully

Anna Graves
Chief Executive

THIS MEETING WILL BE STREAMED LIVE VIA THE LINK BELOW AND WILL BE
ACTIVATED AT THE START OF THE MEETING

<https://www.breckland.gov.uk/virtual-committee-meetings>

The Democratic Services Officer to call the roll of Members

Members of the Council requiring further information, or with specific questions, are asked to raise these with the appropriate officer at least two working days before the meeting. If the information requested is available, this will be provided, and reported to Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Chairman will take the opportunity to say a few words in tribute to the outgoing Chief Executive.

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2020.

3. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 5

To consider the suspension of Standing Order No.5 (Order of Business), to enable the order of business for this meeting to be altered.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate for the entire consideration of the matter, in respect of any matter in which a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011. Members are also required to withdraw from the meeting room as stated in the Standing Orders of this Council.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive a verbal update from Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of the Council.

7. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 6

- Question received from Cllr Morton:

It is now nearly a year since a Climate Change Emergency was declared. The Leader then called upon the Council to develop its commitment and implementation of an overarching and achievable sustainable Breckland Strategy. This would set out the policies, strategies, implementation plans and resourcing requirements to embed the values of sustainability into the Council's services, delivery and operations. The Council would work with key stakeholders across the District, including Norfolk County Council, neighbouring local authorities, the Local Enterprise Partnership, businesses and of course, its residents who could contribute to a Sustainable Breckland Strategy. He assured Members that Cabinet would be discussing this Strategy early in 2020.

To expedite meaningful progress will the Cabinet Member for Sustainability create a Cross Party Working Group where the Breckland Strategy outlined by the Leader could be discussed and developed in a transparent cross-party approach?

- Question received from Cllr Birt:

The need for a Carbon Audit to start measuring our carbon emissions was raised in January when funding was deemed to not be a problem.

It is extremely disappointing to now learn that we cannot undertake a full Carbon Audit because the relevant organisations are busy carrying out audits with other Councils. Applying for the LGA Net Zero Innovation Programme is a noble aspiration and I hope we succeed but there are only ten places so the competition will be strong. Many of us believe we need to show greater urgency and rather than put all efforts in one direction we need to also pursue alternative solutions.

- What alternatives solutions have been considered?
- Why have we been unable to quantify our carbon consumption using simple tools and existing consumption data?
- Has the LGA Carbon Accounting tool been reviewed?
- What will be the nett carbon saving per year from our switch to a renewable electricity supplier (both for Breckland and the UK as a whole)?

8. **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 7**

9. **SWAFFHAM HIGH STREETS HERITAGE ACTION ZONE GRANT**

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Report of Councillor Mark Robinson, Executive Member for Community, Leisure & Culture.

10. **REVISED BUDGET 2020-21**

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Report of Councillor Phil Cowen, Executive Member for Finance & Growth.

Members are asked to note that this report has already been discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 7 September 2020 and has been recommended to Full Council for a decision.

11. **WORKFORCE PLAN 2020-2023**

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Report of Sarah Suggitt, Executive Member for Governance.

12. **NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS**

To receive nominations for any changes to Committee and other seats from political groups.

13. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

14. **ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT -**

NOTE: No other business is permitted unless by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chairman is of the opinion that the items(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.