



AGENDA

Venue:
Applewood Hall,
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NR16 2DY

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Date: Tuesday, 6 July 2021

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, 8th July, 2021** at **Applewood Hall, Kenninghall Road, Banham NR16 2DY**

Yours faithfully

Maxine O'Mahony
Head of Paid Service

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.

	<u>Page(s) herewith</u>
1. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence.	
2. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the annual meeting held on 29 April 2021.	5 - 20
3. <u>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</u> 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.	
4. <u>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	21 - 22
5. <u>LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> To receive a verbal update from Councillor Sam Chapman-Allen, Leader of the Council.	
6. <u>QUESTIONS ON NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 6</u> Please find attached a list of <u>all</u> questions received under Standing Order No. 6, including the responses.	23 - 36
7. <u>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 7</u>	
8. <u>MOTION RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8</u> To consider the following Motion: Council notes: The use of pesticides such as glyphosate in the UK has increased by 60% in real terms since 1990. Italy and Portugal have both banned the use of glyphosate and France is working towards this. Council believes: There is compelling evidence that glyphosate and a wide range of other herbicides and pesticides may be harmful to human health. The use of pesticides and weed killers reduces biodiversity, impacting negatively on insects, birds and bees, in a time when the world is losing 2.5% of its insect population per-year. Harmful weed killer residues can creep into the food chain. Pets and children should not be playing in parks, in our streets or any area treated with such chemicals. Council recommends that cabinet resolves to: Phase out the use of all pesticides and weed killers on council land by Council employees or contractors working on its behalf.	

Trial pesticide-free alternatives during this period. Particularly those adopted by the likes of Hammersmith and Fulham and Lewes Councils who use biodegradable foam or hot steam treatments on weeds.

Grant an exception to the above ban regarding the control of Japanese knotweed, or other invasive species, where there are currently no effective mechanical techniques available. However, in this case chemicals such as glyphosate will only be stem-injected, rather than sprayed, to reduce its spread in the environment.

Grant an exception on sprays only in relation to Giant Hogweed where it's not safe to be dug out or safely removed by other means and then cordon off the surrounding area.

9. MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

To note the following Committee meeting Minutes as follows:

- a) Cabinet: 4 May 2021 37 - 41
- b) Cabinet: 21 June 2021 42 - 47
- c) Overview & Scrutiny Commission: 3 June 2021 48 - 55
- d) Planning Committee: 12 April 2021 56 - 59
- e) Planning Committee: 5 May 2021 60 - 63

10. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2020/21

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

Members are asked to note that this report was discussed and the Governance & Audit Committee meeting on Thursday, 24 June 2021 and the first recommendation was recommended to Full Council accordingly.

11. CORPORATE PLAN REFRESH 2021

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Report of Councillor Mark Robinson, Executive Member for Customer, Digital and Performance.

12. CUSTOMER SERVICE REVIEW

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Report of Mark Robinson, Executive Member for Customer and Performance and Maxine O'Mahony, Executive Director for Strategy and Governance.

Members are asked to note that this report was discussed at the Overview & Scrutiny Commission meeting on 3 June 2021.

13. CONSTITUTION - VARIATIONS

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Report of Councillor Ian Sherwood, Executive Member for People, Communications & Governance.

Members are asked to note that this report was discussed at the Governance & Audit Committee meeting on Thursday, 24 June 2021 and subject to a number

of minor amendments was recommended to Full Council accordingly.

14. NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS (IF ANY)

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

15. 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.

16. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution:

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 & 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.

PART B – ITEM FROM WHICH THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED

17. BRECKLAND TRAINING SERVICES

Report of Councillor Paul Hewett, Executive Member for Property & Projects.