



AGENDA

**The Breckland Conference
Centre, Anglia Room,
Elizabeth House, Walpole
Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE**

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Date: Wednesday, 29 November 2022

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 December, 2022** in **The Breckland Conference Centre, Anglia Room, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE**

Yours faithfully

Maxine O'Mahony
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/Streaming-of-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.

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| 1. <u>APOLOGIES</u> To receive apologies for absence. | |
| 2. <u>MINUTES</u> To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022. | 5 - 21 |
| 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> | 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> | |
| 7. <u>QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 7</u> | |
| 8. <u>MOTION RECEIVED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8</u> Motion proposed by Councillor Terry Land Seconded by Councillor Philip Morton <u>Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG)</u> As at 15 th November 2022, there are 332 people in the Breckland District waiting to be assessed by Occupational Therapists for DFG adaptations. 175 people have already been assessed but are waiting for funding to become available to implement the assessment's findings. On average, there are 15 new enquiries per week. On this basis, there could be a further 240 on the DFG waiting list by 1 st April 2023, more than 750 in total. It is likely that when the funding is refreshed in the new financial year, it will be entirely inadequate to cope with this level of backlog. There is clear evidence for the effectiveness of the use of Disabled Facilities Grants in reducing the risk of harm and also in reducing costs in health and social care. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The average Disabled Facilities Grant of £7,000 saves on average four years of residential care at £28,000 a year (£112,000).• The Disabled Facilities Grant helps reduce the cost of care at home. For every £1 spent on a DFG, £7.14 is saved on health and social care costs. It is widely recognized that the amount available for disabled facilities grants from central government, is not enough for the demand in Breckland. It is more than likely that we will be in this position again next year if the allocation from central government is not increased. In the Government's recent policy paper an | |

increase of funding was pledged, but Breckland's allocation did not increase this financial year and we do not know if there will be an increase next year.
Council therefore resolves to:

- Allocate an additional £100,000 from the Inclusive Growth Reserve to the Disabled Facilities Grant budget in the 2022/23 financial year to tackle the backlog of adaptations that have been assessed as being required.
- Write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to highlight the problem of insufficient funding to complete the required number of adaptations to people's homes and the inevitable knock-on effect that this has on other aspects of the health and social care system.

9. MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

To note the following Minutes:

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| a) <u>Cabinet: 21 November 2022</u> | 23 - 34 |
| b) <u>Overview & Scrutiny Commission: 20 October 2022</u> | 35 - 42 |
| c) <u>Governance and Audit Committee: 29 September 2022</u> | 43 - 52 |
| d) <u>Planning Committee: 4 October 2022</u> | 53 - 56 |
| e) <u>Planning Committee: 1 November 2022</u> | 57 - 66 |
| f) <u>Committee of the Licensing Authority: 19 October 2022</u> | 67 - 71 |
| g) <u>Licensing Committee: 19 October 2022</u> | 72 - 74 |
| 10. <u>APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL</u> | 75 - 76 |
| Report of Rob Walker, Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer. | |
| 11. <u>POLITICAL GROUP REGULATIONS</u> | 77 - 79 |
| Report of Rob Walker, Deputy Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer. | |
| 12. <u>NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE AND OTHER SEATS</u> | |
| To receive nominations for any changes to Committee and other seats from political groups. | |
| 13. <u>AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION (IF ANY)</u> | |
| 14. <u>ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT</u> | |
| 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. | |
| 15. <u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC</u> | |

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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.

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

16. RESTRICTED CABINET MINUTES: 21 NOVEMBER 2022

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