

## **BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report of:** Christine Marshall, Executive Director Commercialisation

**To:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 30 March 2017

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**Subject:** Budget Task & Finish Group - Identified Opportunities

**Purpose:** To provide an update to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the opportunities and ideas identified by the Budget Task & Finish Group

### **Recommendation(s):**

- 1) That the report be noted and the task and finish group be thanked for their input and comments on the budget.

### **1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The draft budget was presented to Overview and Scrutiny on 5 January 2017 and following this a task and finish group was set up to consider the draft budget and to look at ideas and opportunities.
- 1.2 The task and finish group met and provided a number of suggestions and these were reported back to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in February 2017. Following this verbal update the Committee asked for a follow up report to the March meeting to provide information on the progress of opportunities considered.
- 1.3 Attached at Appendix A is a table showing the areas identified and how these are being progressed. The Appendix shows that the majority of opportunities have already been incorporated into existing projects, or are in progress. These projects will continue to be delivered and will form part of the budget setting process for next year. Some options have been considered and discounted and the reasons for this are also shown as are those which still need to be progressed and these will be added to officers work plans accordingly.
- 1.4 The progress against these ideas and opportunities will be monitored and reported through existing reporting arrangements (for example through the Moving Forward transformation programme, or via the Growth Group, etc) whichever area the project sits under.

### **2.0 OPTIONS**

- 2.1 This report is for information only and therefore no options are provided.

### **3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 This report is for information only and therefore there are no recommendations.

### **4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS**

4.1 The Appendix enables the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to see how their ideas and opportunities have been incorporated into the Council's programme of work and how these are being progressed.

## 5.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

In preparing this report, the report author has considered the likely implications of the decision - particularly in terms of Carbon Footprint / Environmental Issues; Constitutional & Legal; Contracts; Corporate Priorities; Crime & Disorder; Equality & Diversity/Human Rights; Financial; Health & Wellbeing; Reputation; Risk Management; Safeguarding; Staffing; Stakeholders/Consultation/Timescales; Transformation Programme; Other. Where the report author considers that there may be implications under one or more of these headings, these are identified below.

### 5.1 **Corporate Priorities**

5.1.1 The opportunities identified will support the corporate priorities of the Council.

### 5.2 **Transformation Programme**

5.2.1 Some projects form part of the transformation programme and will be monitored and reported accordingly.

## 6.0 **WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED**

6.1 N/A

## 7.0 **ACRONYMS**

7.1 [Report authors must list the definitions of all acronyms used.](#)

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Background papers:- [See The Committee Report Guide for guidance on how to complete this section](#)

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**Key Decision:** No

**Exempt Decision:** No

**This report refers to a Mandatory and Discretionary Services**

### **Appendices attached to this report:**

Appendix A Overview & Scrutiny recommendations and progress update