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BRECKLAND COUNCIL

At a Meeting of the

CABINET

Held on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 at 9.30 am in
Swaffham Town Council, Town Hall, 4 London Street, Swaffham, PE37 7DQ

PRESENT

Mr J.W. Nunn (Chairman)	Mr J.P. Cowen
Mr S. H. Chapman-Allen (Vice-Chairman)	Mr M. S. Robinson
Mr S.G. Bambridge	Mr A.C. Stasiak
Mr P.D. Claussen	

Also Present

Mr W.P. Borrett	Mrs S.M. Matthews
Mr P. R. W. Darby	Mr I. Sherwood
Mr T. J. Jermy	Mr P S Wilkinson

In Attendance

Anna Graves	- Chief Executive
Maxine O'Mahony	- Executive Director of Strategy & Governance (Monitoring Officer)
Christine Marshall	- Executive Director Commercialisation (S151 Officer)
Mark Stinson	- Executive Manager Governance (Deputy Monitoring Officer)
Rob Walker	- Executive Director Place
Teresa Smith	- Democratic Services Team Leader

Action By

26/18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

27/18 APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Webb.

28/18 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

29/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

30/18 NON-MEMBERS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE MEETING

Councillors Borrett, Darby, Jermy, Matthews, Sherwood and Wilkinson.

Action By

31/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (IF ANY)

None.

32/18 BRECKLAND COMMUNITY FUNDING APPLICATIONS (STANDING ITEM)

(a) Charles Burrell Centre - Large Match Funding Application

The chief operating officer for the Charles Burrell centre was present at the meeting, and provided members with an overview of the project. The project is a significant step providing work experience opportunities to those that are economically inactive.

The Executive Member for Finance had the opportunity to visit the Charles Burrell centre, and said it was remarkable operation and something that was to be supported. He added that the model should be replicated across the market towns.

Options

Option 1 – fully fund the application as set out in the report

Option 2 – part fund the application as set out in the report

Option 3 – Do nothing.

Reasons

The grant application meets the criteria of the scheme.

RESOLVED that the grant award of £20,000 (or 23% of the project costs, whichever is the lower amount) to the Charles Burrell Centre for a new project called 'Full Steam Ahead' to provide work experience opportunities for people who are currently economically inactive be approved.

33/18 INVESTMENT IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Executive Member for Growth presented the report which proposed that an investment approach be explored to increase the provision of interim accommodation for homeless households.

The Executive Member for Place asked if the process followed an holistic approach to establish why an individual had been made homeless and asked if this was being considered in a cohesive way. It was confirmed that the new legislation did ensure that Local Authorities approached homelessness holistically.

Options

- 1) Do nothing – under this option the authority will not seek to pursue an investment approach for this funding. This approach would mean that the authority would not be in a position to capitalise on any opportunities to improve housing provision for those experiencing homelessness within the district.
- 2) Proceed as per the report recommendations (recommended option) – under this option, an investment approach will be explored which focuses upon utilising available funding to increase the provision of interim accommodation for homeless households within the district.

Action By

Reasons

To enable exploration of an investment approach which focuses upon utilising available funding to increase the provision of interim accommodation for homeless households within the district.

RESOLVED that the proposed broad investment approach for available funds for affordable housing, as set out within the report, be approved.

34/18 PFI BENCHMARKING EXERCISE

The Deputy Leader explained that the Breckland PFI for leisure services was currently in its 10th year of full operation. A new unitary charge would take effect in year 12, and the report requested delegated authority to the Executive Director for Strategy and Governance, in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Place, to progress with the benchmarking exercise.

Options

Option 1 – to grant the necessary delegations;

Option 2 – Not to grant some or all of the necessary delegations – failure to grant the delegations will likely result in a delay to the process which could prejudice the Council's position.

Reasons

To allow the council to meet its contractual obligations described in Schedule 18 part 1 'Benchmarking Procedure' of the Project Agreement.

RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Strategy & Governance in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Strategy Governance and Transformation and the Portfolio Holder for Place to progress the Benchmarking Exercise and in particular to take the actions listed in the report.

35/18 NEXT MEETING

The arrangements for the next meeting on 1 May 2018 in the Norfolk Room, Elizabeth House, Dereham, were noted.

36/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

37/18 RIVERSIDE, THETFORD - COMMERCIAL LETTINGS

RESOLVED that Option 1 be approved.

The meeting closed at 10.40 am

CHAIRMAN