

Appendix 3

Summary of Feedback from the Overview & Scrutiny Commission on the Breckland Sustainability Strategy

Held on: 3rd December 2020

In attendance: Cllr Oliver, Cllr Birt, Cllr Bushell, Cllr Dale, Cllr Eagle, Cllr Jermy, Cllr Kiddle-Morris, Cllr Kybird, Cllr Martin, Cllr Nairn, Cllr Wickerson, Cllr Atterwill, Cllr Clarke, Cllr Crane, Cllr Morton, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Bowes, Cllr Bambridge, Cllr M. Chapman-Allen, Cllr S. Chapman-Allen, Cllr Claussen, Cllr Duigan, Cllr Sherwood, Cllr Suggitt, Cllr Webb

Summary of meeting: Feedback from the commission was supportive of the direction of travel to date. The following bullet points summarise the key bits of feedback from the session: -

- a. There were queries around understanding the current usage of electric vehicle charging points across the district.
- b. The commission recognised that carbon offsetting did not result in positive behavioural change so they were only supportive of this where there was no alternative and only as a transition period.
- c. Could the strategy look at creating some form of grant scheme or effectively signpost village halls to funding options for reducing their impacts on the environment by using solar PV or other means.
- d. Could we learn from other councils; an example was given of how the community in Hebdon Bridge were using electric trade bikes within the town to reduce emissions relating to deliveries from local business within the proximity of the town.
- e. Can we develop measures to understand that the work we undertake is having a positive impact?
- f. Ensure any amendments to the local plan consider the impacts on viability of development.
- g. Could salary contribution schemes include elected members as well as officers