

Local Plan:

On the 13th May cabinet will consider the Preferred Options paper for approval for a round of consultation lasting 6 weeks. If approved the consultation will commence on the 3rd June. Details on how to access the consultation and the different ways consultation responses can be submitted will be sent via email to the parish clerk.

Boundary Commission:

The Boundary Commission are undertaking a review of the ward boundaries within Breckland district. This is to ensure that each councillor represents approximately the same number of voters. They have already agreed to increase the number of councillors from 49 to 51, but they are seeking views on the number of wards, the number of councillors representing each ward, ward boundaries and the names for each ward. The pattern of each ward should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of communities and that the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government. Details of how to respond can be found on the Boundary Commission website. The consultation ends on the 15th July. Any new arrangements will take effect at the local elections in May 2027.

Grant Funding:

Breckland have relaunched the Inspiring Communities match Funding Grant scheme. Investing £300k in supporting community activity and projects between now and April 2027. The scheme will release funding in 3 tranches over the next 3 years. The first round of applications is now open with successful applicants awarded up to £5k to help deliver projects alongside other funding sources. Eligible applicants include sports clubs, community groups, community interest companies and parish councils. The scheme is being run by Norfolk Community Foundation on behalf of Breckland, details of how to apply are on the Breckland website.