

Breckland District Councillors Report for July 2025

Breckland Council's chairman for this year is Cllr Samantha Taylor. Following her appointment, Cllr Taylor announced the two charities that she will fundraise for during her term. Her first chosen charity is Nelson's Journey, which supports children and young people in Norfolk who have experienced the death of a loved one. Cllr Taylor cited her personal connection to the charity, which supported her family through the loss of her son.

As her second charity, Cllr Taylor has selected Chapel Green School in Old Buckenham, a school for children with special educational needs.

The vice-chairman is Cllr Nigel Wilkin.

Local Plan – consultation continues with parishes following the call for sites, and the Government's new targets for housing provision. This will directly impact the number of new houses imposed in Breckland and the location of where they will be.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation – nothing new to report at time of writing. Please see latest Breckland Magazine for further information.

Solar factories – work continues with all parishes affected to achieve constructive mitigation for those sites whose future will be decided by the Secretary of State. The planning application for a solar farm and battery storage site at Park Farm Birds Corner has been validated by Breckland Council, and will be discussed at next Shipdham Parish Council Meeting. The application has been called in by Cllrs Turner and Hewett

Commercial Food Waste Collection – a much bigger uptake of this service than expected – which is good news.

Domestic Food Waste Collection – will be mandatory from April 2016 – further details to follow in time.

Emergency Housing – another 15 temporary housing units have been purchased by Breckland Council with a grant from the Government, releasing budgetary impact on having to provide emergency accommodation from the commercial sector.

The Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner Sarah Taylor was invited to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission to talk about her role and to take questions from the Commission. She is keen to hear from members of the public, who can also sign up to her newsletter.

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Grants – a new round of Household Support and Business grants are available – please see Breckland Council website for more details. Other grants are available including Spark for new community projects.

Always happy to take questions or comments.

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