

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

**Friday 13th January 2023 14:00 – 16:00 Council Chamber,
County Hall and via Microsoft Team**

Councillors

In attendance

Cllr John Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair
Tim Jeckells – Broads Sub
Cllr Richard Blunt – King's Lynn & West Norfolk
Cllr Andrew Brown – North Norfolk District Council
Cllr Brian Long – Norfolk County Council

Apologies

Cllr Susan Lawn – Broadland District Council
Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority
Cllr Graham Plant - Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council

Supporting Officers

Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority
Matt Tracey – Norfolk County Council
Judith Davison – Norwich City Council
Sam Hubbard – Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Ninan Xu – Norfolk County Council
Paul Harris - Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils
Rachel Gibbs – Breckland District Council
Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager
Nick Johnson – Norfolk County Council
Phil Courtier - Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council
Keith Moore – Environment Agency
Cameron Clow – Suffolk County Council

Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

- 1.1 All Members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above).

Minutes and Matters arising from meeting of 21st September 2022

- 2.1 Previous minutes agreed as accurate.

Nutrient Neutrality Update – Phil Courtier

- 3.1 Cllr Fuller talked about the current progress made in resolving the constraints in housing development due to the issue of Nutrient Neutrality. One of the ways to resolve this is through the establishment of a joint venture company to enable developers to purchase credit as a way to offset level of nitrogen and potassium pollutants.
- 3.2 Phil Courtier gave an update on the progress made so far in setting up this joint venture company. The company has been registered and will soon be in a position to sell mitigation credits to developers.
- 3.3 Cllr Fuller also talked about the current work in progress with Royal Haskoning on enabling small scale developments to come forward as the risk to the nutrient pollution is minimal.
- 3.4 Members discussed and supported the measures taken.

Budget and update on GI Rams and Health Protocol – Trevor Wiggett

- 4.1 Trevor presented his paper setting out proposals for county wide joint working for the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member for the 2023/24 financial year. It is recommended that for the forum to continue to endorse the principle of continued, formal cooperation through the forum supported by a shared Programme; and each district authority formally agrees to contribute £10,000 for the next financial year, with the Broads Authority contributing £5,000.
- 4.2 Members have formally agreed with the recommendation.
- 4.3 Trevor also gave an update on the latest progress on GI Rams. The RAMS mitigation package is being reviewed to provide a more detailed plan of mitigation of each habitat site. There have been some delays with the tendering process, however, it is planned to retender the work.
- 4.4 On the governance arrangement, the legal agreement between Local Planning Authorities and County.
- 4.5 Members have expressed the importance to have one collective board that covers the issues of GI Rams, Nutrient Neutrality and Biodiversity Net Gain.

Transport East Update – Trevor Wiggett

- 5.1 Trevor gave Members an update on the latest work of Transport East. Transport East has now completed the Transport Strategy setting out the vision, priorities and case for investment. Following public consultation, the final strategy was endorsed by the Transport East Forum and all five Local Transport Authorities. The Secretary of State is expected to endorse the strategy.
- 5.2 Members have been asked to note the general update provided in the progress paper and following the departure of Cllr Martin Wilby, to nominate a candidate to represent Norfolk on the Transport East.

5.3 On behalf of the forum, Cllr Fuller thanked Cllr Wilby for his years of public service.

5.4 The forum agreed to consider a new nomination to represent Norfolk districts on Transport East board. Candidate to be determined.

Neighbouring Counties Update

6.1 Cameron Clow gave the forum an update the local plans progress across Suffolk County.

Local Plan Update

7.1 A summary report updating Members on the latest progress of the local plans have been presented to the forum.

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8.1 The next member forum will be scheduled in April 2023, exact date to be determined.