Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Thursday 16th February 2017 Cranworth Room County Hall

Minutes

Councillors	Attended	Apologies
Cllr Arnold – North Norfolk District Council		×
Cllr Carter – Breckland Council		×
Cllr Banbridge – Breckland Council (Sub)	\checkmark	
Cllr Sands – Norfolk County Council	\checkmark	
Cllr Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair	\checkmark	
Cllr Gray – Broads Authority		×
Cllr Rice – Broads Authority (sub)	\checkmark	
Cllr Reynolds - Great Yarmouth Borough Council		×
Cllr Annison – Great Yarmouth Borough Council (sub)	\checkmark	
Cllr Blunt – King's Lynn & West Norfolk	\checkmark	
Cllr Long – King's Lynn & West Norfolk (sub)		
Cllr Bremner – Norwich City Council		×
Cllr Kendrick – Norwich City Council (sub)	\checkmark	
Cllr Vincent – Broadland District Council	\checkmark	
Cllr Wassell – Breckland Council		×
Cllr Dimoglou– Breckland Council (sub)	\checkmark	
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1	Welcome, Introductions, Apologies	Actions
1.1	Cllr Fuller introduced the meeting and explained this is the first forum to be held in public. Notes of the meeting will be produced and made available on the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum webpage.	
2	Minutes and Matters Arising from the meeting on 14 January 2016	
2.1	No matters arising.	
3	Norfolk Strategic Framework Project Update (Trevor Wigget)	
3.1	Trevor presented project progress report to the members on the development of the Norfolk Strategic Framework. In summary, the project continued to progress well. An initial draft of the report has been completed and will be reviewed in a Member workshop.	
3.2	The production of HELAAs has progressed more slowly than anticipated and no authority has a completed HELAA to date.	
3.3	Trevor explained the initial NSF draft will be updated to take account of the Member's discussions following this forum, further comments from working groups and officers and to reflect the content of the Housing White Paper and any other evidence that continues to emerge.	
3.4	Regarding the timing of the commencement of consultation of the NSF, three options of A, B and C were presented to members. Plan A would see the framework published for consultation in early May and result in the process being completed in September. Plan B would see the consultation commencing in early June, Plan C would allow the consultation to start in late July.	
3.5	Mark Ashwell advised members on the merits of choosing option C which would allow more time for the evidence gathering and, in particular, to take account of the content of the housing white paper.	
3.6	Members also received an update on the Norfolk-wide Green Infrastructure work. Option C would provide time for more of this work to be reflected in the draft NSF.	
3.7	Members agreed Option C was the best approach principally to allow sufficient time for the NSF to take account of the Housing White Paper.	тw
4	Jointly commissioned evidence for Local Plans (Mark Ashwell)	
4.1	Mark updated Members on the progress on Local Plan preparation in Norfolk. He emphasised that there is a lot of cooperation between the authorities on Plan preparation.	
4.2	Cllr Fuller raised a question regarding the archaeological evidence base. Graham Nelson confirmed this issue will be dealt with through the context of delivery issues.	GN

5	Housing White Paper (Adam Nicholls)	
5.1	Adam presented a brief summary on the Housing White paper "Fixing our broken housing market." This paper is a significant document presaging a number of changes to housing and planning policy to ensure that house building rates increase.	
6	Suffolk Planning and Infrastructure Framework update (John Pitchford)	
6.1	Members received an update on the progress of the SPIF. An intermediate report setting out 4 scenarios for spatial distribution has been presented to Suffolk members. Option testing through the SCC transport model should be complete by the end of March 2017. Infrastructure providers and businesses have been consulted. The commissioned consultancy work with AECOM is due to end Spring 2017	
7	Wider South East Update (Cllr Fuller)	
7.1	A summary of the Wider South East Joint Summit in December 2016 had been circulated. Cllr Fuller attended this event, and fed back that housing and green belt were the main discussion points.	
10	AOB	
10.1	There was no AOB.	
11	Date of Next meeting	
11.1	26 th May 2017	