

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Tuesday 14th December 10:30-12:30

via Microsoft Team

Councillors

In Attendance

Cllr Helen Crane – Breckland Council
Cllr John Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair
Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority
Cllr Richard Blunt – King's Lynn & West Norfolk
Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council
Cllr John Toye – North Norfolk District Council
Cllr Paul Claussen – Breckland District Council
Tim Jeckells – Broads Sub
Cllr Graham Plant - Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Apologies

Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority
Cllr Susan Lawn – Broadland District Council
Cllr Brian Long – Norfolk County Council

Supporting Officers

In Attendance

Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority
Andrew Darcy – Breckland Council
Stephen Faulkner – 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
Alan Gomm – King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Rachel Gibbs – Breckland Council
Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager
John Jones – Norfolk County Council
Cameron Clow – Suffolk County Council
Nick Johnson – Norfolk County Council
Andrew Summers – Transport East
Briony Tuthill – Anglian Water
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council
Sera Hall – Norfolk County Council
Jessamy Hayes – Norfolk County Council

Apologies

Keith Moore – Environment Agency

1. Welcome, introductions and Apologies

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

2. Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting of 18th October 2021

- 2.1. Previous minutes agreed as accurate.

3. Transport East – Andrew Summers

- 3.1. Andrew Summers gave Members a presentation on the latest progress of the Transport Strategy, which has now moved on to the public consultation stage. The consultation will take effect between 2nd December 2021 to 30th January 2022, and final strategy will be submitted to Transport Secretary of State for endorsement. Andrew emphasised the importance of public participation of the consultation and welcome all to feedback into the draft strategy.
- 3.2. Members discussed the importance of Ely Junction, and Andrew responded that there is proposal for a rail plan for the Eastern region.
- 3.3. Cllr Fuller highlighted the notion of having a more integrated transport systems where all the hardware and software of transport system work in harmony.

4. Elderly Housing – Jessamy Hayes

- 4.1. Jessamy Hayes presented to Members on the County Council's Specialist Housing Programme. She introduced different types housing options available for people in later life, including sheltered housing, housing with extra care and residential care.
- 4.2. The County Council is currently running two specialist housing programmes, one is called independent and the other is called supported living. These programmes will aim offer affordable options and saving cost to adult social care. Jessamy showcased specific housing schemes in the County, such as Meadow Walk, Fakenham and Swallowtail Place, Acle.
- 4.3. Members discussed the availability of land supply in supporting the development of these housing schemes within the local plan. Cllr Fuller stressed the importance of providing a wide variety of housing options to cater different needs of the ageing population.

5. GI RAMS – Trevor Wiggett

- 5.1. Trevor Wiggett updated on the latest progress of the GI Rams including the draft wording of a County wide the Statement of Common Ground, the governance arrangement to oversee the delivery of mitigation measures and Rams mitigation review.

- 5.2. In agreement with the resolution set out in the July Member forum, Members have collectively agreed on the proposed version of draft wording of Statement of Common Ground, subject to official endorsement from Natural England. Each individual Local Planning Authority will have to take the draft Statement to be agreed through their individual committee process.
- 5.3. On the governance arrangement, Members have also agreed with the option suggested in the GI Rams paper, with a new independent board set up and a delivery officer to be employed to oversee the work. It is also agreed that Norfolk County Council would act as host and full arrangements for this will be finalised once collection of the tariff is in operation.
- 5.4. On the mitigation package, officers are looking at the most cost-effective way to deliver this study and the brief for this work is currently being finalised. Members have agreed with the principles established for reviewing the mitigation package.

6. Work Programme for the Next Financial Year – Trevor Wiggett

- 6.1. Trevor has produced a paper setting out the financial requirement for the next year's programme. It is recommended that the financial contribution remains the same as previous year, with each district authority formally agrees to contribute £10,000, and Broads Authority contributing £5,000.
- 6.2. Members have formally endorsed the financial arrangement as stated in the paper for 2022/23.

7. Neighbouring Counties Update – Cameron Clow

- 7.1. Cameron Clow gave Members update on the progress of local plans in Suffolk.

8. Local Plan Update

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

9. AOB

- 9.1. The next member forum will be scheduled in January 2022, exact date to be determined.