

# Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2-4pm

via Microsoft Teams

## Councillors

### In Attendance

Cllr Helen Crane – Breckland Council  
Cllr Brian Long – Norfolk County 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

### Apologies

Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority  
Cllr John Toye – North Norfolk District Council  
Cllr Graham Plant - Great Yarmouth Borough Council  
Cllr Susan Lawn – Broadland District 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  
Richard Drake – Norfolk County Council  
Hannah Stanley Jones – Anglian Water  
Briony Tuthill – Anglian Water

### Apologies

Keith Moore – Environment Agency  
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council

## **Annual Election of Chair**

- 1.1. Cllr Fuller has been elected the Chair of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum.

## **Welcome, Introductions and Apologies**

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

## **Minutes and Matters Arising from Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

- 1.3. Previous minutes agreed as accurate.

## **Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Update**

- 1.4. Trevor Wiggett updated Members on the progress of GI Rams. The establishment of the tariff is still subject to the confirmation of the Statement of Common Ground between Greater Norwich Authorities and Natural England. If acceptable to all parties, the content is the Statement of Common Ground may form the basis of a Norfolk wide agreement that would be referred to each individual authority for endorsement.
- 1.5. Trevor also informed Members plans for the implementing tariff. One of the main proposals in development is for the County Council to be host body for implementation and project management of the collected tariff, on behalf of all Local Planning Authorities.
- 1.6. Cllr Fuller requested a dedicated private meeting to discuss in detail on mechanisms to manage and implement GI Rams in week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November. The measures discussed would then be formally discussed and endorsed at a in person forum in Mid-December
- 1.7. Action:
- 1.8. Ninan Xu to arrange two meetings in November and December to facilitate to progress of the implementation of GI Rams.
- 1.9. Trevor has produced a paper on the feasibility of a Norfolk Wide Design Guide. Officers have investigated the possibility of producing a County Wide Design Guide, the overall conclusion reached was the recommendation since there is no county wide consensus to produce a design guide and it would not be practical to take this work further.
- 1.10. Cllr Fuller supported this recommendation, and further strengthened this approach by referring to the National rules that preclude the production of the County Wide design guide.

## **Neighbouring Counties Update**

- 1.11. Cameron Clow gave Members update on the progress of Local plans in Suffolk as well as the current priority works of the Suffolk Growth Partnership.

### **Local Plan Update**

- 1.12. A summary report updating members on the latest progress of the local plans have been presented at the forum. Officers took in turn gave verbal update on their respective local plans. Updates noted.

### **Fens Reservoir**

- 1.13. Briony Tuthill and Hannah Stanley-Jones gave Members a presentation Future Resources Strategy and New Reservoir Systems. They talked through Anglian Water's strategic direction, current plans in delivery and the process for developing new sources.
- 1.14. As part of the process for developing and managing future water resources, Anglian Water along with Water Resources East on working on proposals for strategic reservoir in the region. This new reservoir could help address supply pressures in Norfolk as well as in the Cambridge area. It also opens up opportunities for recreation, tourism and water ways and links to the wider Future Fens initiative.
- 1.15. The reservoir is likely to be located Cambridgeshire/Norfolk border area of the fens and work is ongoing to establish a preferred site.
- 1.16. The Fens Reservoir has been accepted as a strategic Regional Option within the RAPID Governance.
- 1.17. Anglian Water is currently engaged in a iterative phased multi staged engagement process with all the stakeholders.
- 1.18. Member expressed support for the scheme and emphasised the importance of capturing and maximising the benefit of existing water resources for economic and social purposes.

### **AOB – Date For Next Forum**

- 1.19. The next member forum will be scheduled in December 2021, exact date to be determined.