

# Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2021

2pm Virtual Forum via Microsoft Team

## Minutes

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Cllr John Toyne – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Cllr Paul Claussen – Breckland Council	✓	
Cllr Helen Crane – Breckland Council (Sub)	✓	
Cllr Stuart Clancy – Norfolk County Council		x
Cllr John Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair	✓	
Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority	✓	
Mr Bruce Keith – Broads Authority (Sub)	✓	
Cllr Graham Plant - Great Yarmouth Borough Council	✓	
Cllr Richard Blunt – King’s Lynn & West Norfolk	✓	
Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council	✓	
Cllr Lana Hempsall – Broadland District Council	✓	
<b>Supporting Officers</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority	✓	
Rachel Gibbs – Breckland Council	✓	
Andrew Darcy – Breckland Council	✓	
Keith Moore – Environment Agency	✓	
Stephen Faulkner – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Judith Davison – Norwich City Council	✓	
Sam Hubbard – Great Yarmouth Borough Council	✓	
Ninan Xu – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Simon Marjoram – Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils	✓	
Paul Harris - Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils	✓	
Alan Gomm – King’s Lynn and West Norfolk	✓	
Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager	✓	
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council	✓	
Cameron Clow – Suffolk County Council	✓	
Kathleen Dunmore – Three Dragons	✓	
Sue Hooton – Place Services	✓	
Laura Waters – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Jessamy Hayes – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Robin Price - Water Resources East	✓	
Peter Rye - UKPN	✓	
Neil Madgwick - UKPN	✓	

1	<b>Welcome, introduction and apologies</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1.1	All members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above).	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b>	
2.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Norfolk Sustainable Water Management Plan – Robin Price</b>	
3.1	Robin gave a presentation on the latest progress of the Norfolk Sustainable Water Management Plan. The plan's principal purpose is to use nature based solution to solve water security issues and enable the County to sustainably manage water resources while delivering its social and economic ambitions.	
3.2	WRE has established a water funds for the County – a first of its kind pilot scheme in Europe, to address the common goal of achieving water security through nature based solution and sustainable watershed management.	
3.3	Cllr Fuller raised the question on the possibility of creating a water reservoir. Robin confirmed preliminary work has commenced on the path of building a reservoir in the County.	
3.4	Cllr Toyne asked whether there is any consideration of more local strategies, especially to support local infrastructure. Robin confirmed that WRE is looking at local solutions in addressing energy supply issues, particularly on hydrogen as a supply source and re-purposing Bacton gas terminal.	
<b>4</b>	<b>UK Power Networks – Neil Madgwick/Peter Rye</b>	
4.1	Neil Madgwick introduced the UKPN presentation, which was delivered in detail by Peter Rye.	
4.2	Peter talked about the regional growth overview for East of England, including some of its recent projects in Norfolk, such as North Thetford Primary, Snetterton Primary, Attleborough Primary and Earham Boundary Park Cable overlay.	
4.3	Peter also talked about the investment proposals from 2023 to 2028 in Norfolk for its strategic Network Development.	
4.4	Questions were asked on the charging mechanism used by UKPN to fund projects. Neil responded that Ofgem is currently holding a	

	consultation on the charging methodology and how this affects the way funds are raised remains to be seen.	
4.5	Cllr Blunt enquired whether the King's Lynn area was included in Eastern Region from the UKPN perspective, and Neil confirmed it is indeed the case.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Update -Trevor Wiggett</b>	
5.1	Trevor Wiggett gave an update to Members on the latest progress of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework.	
5.2	Trevor covered the current stages of endorsement of the NSPF document for each authority in Norfolk, and informed the forum that North Norfolk are proposing minor changes to Agreement 23, with insertion of the wording "and manages the risks of foul and surface water flooding".	
5.3	Cllr Fuller opposed the change in wording as it may wrongly lead Norfolk authorities to underwrite Anglian Water capital programme.	
5.4	Cllr Stonard expressed the same reservation on this as well as opposing retaking an amended framework back to Cabinet in the Norwich City for re-endorsement.	
5.5	Members agreed there will be no change to Agreement 23 and any change will be addressed through production of future iteration of the framework.	
5.6	The topic of GI Rams has been agreed to be discussed by Members in detail in scheduled GI Rams workshop.	
5.7	The Older Persons Accommodation and Support Needs study is nearing completion and the finalised outputs will be shared with Members at the next forum.	
5.8	A new programme will be finalised once the current work programme is completed to ensure that any further work that is required for the GI Rams workstream is taken into account. The new work programme will be proposed for the next forum.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Neighbouring Counties Update</b>	
6.1	Cameron Clow, Senior Planning Officer from Suffolk County Council, gave Members an update on the planning matters in Suffolk.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Local Plan Update</b>	
7.1	A summary report updating members on the latest progress of the local plans have been presented at the forum. Updates noted.	

7.2	Paul Harris also gave verbal update on the progress of its local plan for South Norfolk.	
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
8.1	The next member forum will be arranged in July, exact date to be confirmed by Ninan Xu.	