

Report to Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum
22nd April 2021
Report of Norfolk Strategic Framework Programme Manager
Subject Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Version 3

Purpose

To update members on progress of the on-going Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework work programme.

Recommendation

To note the contents of this report and progress made on the NSPF.

To recommend a change to the NSPF to update the wording of Agreement 23 and for relevant committees that have endorsed the NSPF to be made aware of the change.

Financial implications

No financial implications.

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Further Information

None.

Report

Purpose

The purpose of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) Work Programme is to update and maintain the previously endorsed NSPF. The programme has provided a refreshed NSPF in early 2021, this version of the document is likely to be used for the submission of a number of local plans in 2021. The programme will also deliver a number of new joint studies to inform local plans providing cost saving over local authorities commissioning these separately. The following work streams are being completed by the programme:

- The completion of a county wide Green Infrastructure and Recreational impact avoidance and mitigation Strategy
- The completion of an Older Persons housing and support needs Study for Norfolk

The Programme has already completed:

- A comprehensive review of Climate Change and its impact across the area to inform local plans looking at mitigation, adaptation and sequestering of greenhouse gases
- The production of 5G Shared guidance and the Broadband guides

Revised NSPF and Endorsement

1. A revised NSPF was considered at the January 2021 Member Forum. At this meeting it was agreed that the NSPF could be taken forward for endorsement by each authority.
2. Since then a number of authorities has taken the NSPF to their relevant cabinet/council meetings for endorsement.
3. The document also has been signed off by the New Anglia LEP, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Anglian Water, MMO, Water Resources East and Active Norfolk
4. The revised version of the NSPF is available at the [member forum website](#)

	NSPF Endorsement Timetable as at 14th April	
Authority	Process (Steps in bold are completed)	Expected Completion Date
Breckland	Cabinet – 4 th May	4 th May
Broadland	Cabinet – 20 th April, Full Council – 27 th May	27 th May
Broads Authority	Planning Committee – 5th March Workshop – 19th March	19 th March
Great Yarmouth	Policy and Resources Committee – 23rd March	23 rd March
West Norfolk and King's Lynn	Cabinet – 16th March	16 th March
North Norfolk	Planning Policy & Built Heritage Working party – 22 nd March	?
Norwich	SD Panel – 18th March, Cabinet – 14th April	14 th April
South Norfolk	Cabinet – 19th April, Full Council – 17th May	17 th May
Norfolk County	Cabinet – 8th March	8 th March

5. The table below sets out the current timetable for endorsement:

North Norfolk Endorsement

6. North Norfolk took the revised NSPF to their Planning Policy & Built Heritage Working Party on the 22nd April. The Working Party resolution was to endorse the NSPF subject to the inclusion of an improved agreement in relation to surface and foul water drainage.
7. North Norfolk are proposing minor changes to Agreement 23 as outline in red *'Agreement 23 – The Norfolk Authorities, **Lead Flood Authority**, Anglian Water and Essex and Suffolk Water have agreed to provide regular and timely updates to each other on the delivery of development sites and proposed utility projects to ensure that development is aligned with water and wastewater infrastructure **and manages the risks of foul and surface water flooding**. LPAs will produce Habitat Regulation Assessments, as required, that will also consider impact of development on sensitive sites.'*

Green Infrastructure and Recreational Impact Avoidance and Mitigation Strategy

8. Place Services have now completed the final report for this study according to the original brief for this work. The report includes:
 - A review of the opportunity areas for the provision of new and/or enhanced GI in the county
 - An understanding of the current management measures for visitors to the European sites and evidence for recreational disturbance.
 - The mitigation necessary to avoid significant adverse effects from residential development and a detailed programme of strategic mitigation measures which is recommended for funding by developer contributions from residential development schemes
9. The report also suggests further work to undertake an enhanced green infrastructure study for the county which is supported by Natural England.
10. Following feedback from the member Forum in January officers are now assessing options for taking this work forward. These options will consider the views of members as well as Natural England and Habitat regulations. These options can be discussed in detail at the workshop planned for the 11th May.

Older Persons Accommodation and Support Needs Study

11. Three Dragons were commissioned to complete an Older Persons Accommodation and Support Needs Study. The study was to
 - a. Provide a robust evidence-based demand assessment of older people's accommodation until 2041 to inform local plans
 - b. Provide context on viability and how Local Planning Authorities can support development
 - c. Develop site identification criteria which can be used consistently across Norfolk

Work on this project is nearing completion and we are working with the consultants to finalise the report. We expect to be able to provide outputs to members in a few weeks with a more detailed discussion to be held with members at the next member forum.

New Workstreams

12. A new programme will be finalised once the current work programme is completed to ensure that any further work that is require for the GI RAMS workstream is taken into account. The new work programme can then be proposed at a future member forum

based on capacity and budget to complete the work and to take account of any further updates on government policy relating to the planning white paper.