

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Tuesday 8th December 2020 2pm

Virtual Forum via Microsoft Team

Minutes

Councillors	Attended	Apologies
Cllr John Toye – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Cllr Paul Claussen – Breckland Council	✓	
Cllr Stuart Clancy – Norfolk County Council		x
Cllr John Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair	✓	
Cllr Melanie Vigo di Gallidoro – Broads Authority		x
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 Hemsall – Broadland District Council	✓	
Supporting Officers	Attended	Apologies
Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority	✓	
Rachel Gibbs – Breckland Council	✓	
Andrew Darcy – Breckland Council	✓	
Keith Moore – Environment Agency		x
Stephen Faulkner – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Judith Davison – Norwich City Council	✓	
Simon Marjoram – South Norfolk Council		x
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		x
Nick Johnson– Norfolk County Council	✓	

1	Welcome, introduction and apologies	Actions
1.1	All members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above).	
2	Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 1st October 2020	
2.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
3	Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Draft Document	
3.1	Trevor Wiggett, Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Project Manager, opened this item by introducing the purpose and nature of the framework and the principal objective of this forum is to receive Members' feedback on this iteration of the draft framework. Updates will then be made to the final version of the framework, in readiness for Members endorsement at the scheduled January 2021 Member forum.	
3.2	In terms of the overall structure of the draft framework, Cllr Fuller commented that there is no mention of Covid-19 in the content of the framework; there needs to be some structural re-writing in the economy section; and more emphasise on the rural areas of the County.	
3.3	Cllr Plant commented that in the economy section, there needs to be an emphasis on energy and agritech food. Cllr Fuller echoed this view by suggesting the narrative on energy needs to be elaborated to include hydrogen and wind.	
3.4	Cllr Fuller felt that there needs to be more strengthening in the narrative on the tourism, retail and leisure sectors. These key sectors need to be borne out in a more strategic way and the framework needs to be articulated to a more local context to enable a stronger inward investment proposition.	
3.5	In the housing section of the framework, Cllr Fuller suggested there needs to be texture added to the wordings, including references to the emergence of new market solution for a new demographic of housing requirement, namely the younger retirees of post age 55 group. He also advised the narrative cannot be just focussed on the needs for more institutional homes for the elderly population, there needs a wider variety of housing solutions.	
3.6	Cllr Plant and Cllr Stonard both raised the issue of land value when it comes to house building. In the context of the development of Anglia Square in Norwich, Cllr Stonard commented how the cost of the development was greater than the return of the investment, and this is a major issue for national policy. Members advised some reference to be made in the framework on the importance of National Government policy consideration.	

<p>3.7</p> <p>3.8</p> <p>3.9</p> <p>3.10</p> <p>3.11</p> <p>3.12</p> <p>3.13</p> <p>3.14</p> <p>3.15</p> <p>3.16</p> <p>3.17</p> <p>3.18</p> <p>3.19</p>	<p>In the Health section, Cllr Stonard praised officers for their excellent work in this section. Cllr Hempsall felt the wording was too general and needed to be made more specific to Norfolk. Members emphasised the opportunity now has presented with the integration of County and CCG for the strategic planners to work with healthcare providers in a closer and more collaborative way.</p> <p>In the Climate Change section, Members discussed at length on the differences between adopting more sustainable forms of travel in rural areas and urban areas.</p> <p>Cllr Stonard felt there needs to be a stronger tone used in this section, including a more frequent usage of the term “should”.</p> <p>Cllr Fuller suggested that there need to be more emphasis on energy efficiency as a way to mitigate the impacts of climate change.</p> <p>On the topic of the possibility of having a county wide design guide, Cllr Fuller expressed his reluctance for fear it might become a general and all-encompassing document that covered every single issue.</p> <p>Cllr Stonard emphasised the importance of reducing carbon emissions.</p> <p>In the Infrastructure and Environment section, Cllr Plant expressed his concern over the wording of “major shift in travel away from car use” and felt it was not appropriate and took the importance away from roads.</p> <p>Members suggested involving WRE more closely in the production of the framework and adding WRE as signatory to the document.</p> <p>Cllr Fuller suggested the section name of “Telecoms” to be renamed as “Digital Communication” and stressed the importance of having a digitally competitive and technologically innovative County to enable a more vibrant economy.</p> <p>In the transportation section, Cllr Fuller would like more emphasise on the aviation industry. Cllr Stonard commented on the uncertainty of the longer term impacts of the aviation industry from the pandemic.</p> <p>Regarding the rail section, Cllr Fuller wanted a more structural consolidation of narratives on the rail.</p> <p>Trevor informed Members that he will be presenting them with the outputs from the Green Infrastructure study at the January forum. Members discussed in detail on the ways to measure and monitor biodiversity level, especially in the context of Greater Norwich Local Plan.</p> <p>Paul Harris, Place Shaping Manager for Broadland and South Norfolk District Councils, responded that the Greater Norwich Local Plan team</p>	
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3.20	<p>will provide Members with a detailed answer to their question on biodiversity level.</p> <p>Cllr Fuller discussed the impact of the Government's white paper on planning reform and the new housing methodology will have on strategic planning.</p> <p>Action:</p>	
3.21	<p>Trevor will consider Members feedback and update the draft framework accordingly. The updated document will be presented at the scheduled January Member Forum for endorsement.</p>	TW
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4.1	The next member forum will be held on Monday 25 th January 2021 2pm.	