

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

Tuesday 25th January 2022 10:30-11:30am

via Microsoft Team

Councillors

In Attendance

Cllr Helen Crane – Breckland District 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 John Toye – North Norfolk District Council
Cllr Paul Claussen – Breckland District Council
Cllr Graham Plant - Great Yarmouth Borough Council
Cllr Brian Long – Norfolk County Council

Apologies

Cllr Susan Lawn – Broadland District Council
Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council
Tim Jeckells – Broads Sub

Supporting Officers

In Attendance

Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority
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
Michael Burton – King's Lynn and West Norfolk
Rachel Gibbs – Breckland District Council
Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager
Nick Johnson – Norfolk County Council
Julia Beeden – WRE
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council
Keith Moore – Environment Agency

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 14th December 2021

- 2.1. Previous minutes agreed as accurate.

3. Water Resources East – Julia Beeden

- 3.1. Julia Beeden, Norfolk Water Strategy Programme Manager, from WRE, gave Members a presentation on the overview of the current running Emerging Water Resources Regional Plan Consultation. She updated Members on the engagement timeline, processes, demand management options etc. The *raison d'être* of the strategy is to test scaled up nature based solutions can deliver benefits for water management, and develop a collaborative partnership platform to deliver nature based solutions and for mobilising funding for these proposed infrastructures.
- 3.2. There is a long term, phased regional plan in place to deal with demand management of the Eastern region. There are many different supply options being considered. Julia talked specifically about the Fens Reservoir as part of the option for demand management. The main purpose is trying to find effective solutions to balance economic growth with environmental sustainability.
- 3.3. Cllr Plant raised the importance of climate change to the Norfolk Water Strategy. Julia assured that water should not be a barrier to agricultural and economic growth.
- 3.4. Members discussed options of capturing flood water for economic usage as part of the long-term solution to address water supply.
- 3.5. Julia actively encouraged all Members to participate in the consultation.

4. Work Programme Update – Trevor Wiggett

- 4.1. Trevor gave the forum an update on projects within the work programme. A paper detailing all the latest progress has been produced for the forum. For GI Rams, a county wide statement of common ground between all LPAs in Norfolk and Natural England is being finalised by officers.
- 4.2. In term of governance arrangement of delivering the GI Rams, a steering group has been set up to create term of reference for the overarching board, and formal arrangements are being worked on with the County to be the accountable body and hosting organisation.
- 4.3. The brief for the New Rams Mitigation Package review study is being finalised.
- 4.4. For Planning in Heath Protocol, the review for the latest iteration is underway. The review will focus on :
 - Updating of NHS and ICS structures
 - Checking the current engagement and feedback process from both planning and NHS perspective
 - Inclusion of Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Building in principles of healthy design and reviewing the checklist

4.5. The older persons accommodation and Support Needs Study is now complete.

5. Neighbouring Counties Update

5.1. Ninan Xu, on behalf of Cameron Clow, gave Members update on the progress of local plans in Suffolk.

6. Local Plan Update

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

7. AOB

7.1. The next member forum will be scheduled in April 2022, exact date to be determined.