

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum
Monday 8th July 2019
10am Council Chamber, Norfolk County Council

Minutes

Councillors	Attended	Apologies
Cllr Karen Ward – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Cllr Gordon Bambridge – Breckland Council	✓	
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		x
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	✓	
Andrew Darcy – Breckland Council	✓	
Simon Ward – Breckland Council	✓	
Keith Moore – Environment Agency		x
Phil Morris – Norfolk County Council		x
Stephen Faulkner – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Graham Nelson – Norwich City Council	✓	
Simon Marjoram – South Norfolk Council	✓	
Nick Fountain – Great Yarmouth Borough Council	✓	
Ninan Xu – Norfolk County Council	✓	
John Walchester – Broadland District Council		x
Alan Gomm – King’s Lynn and West Norfolk		x
Alex Fradeley - King’s Lynn and West Norfolk	✓	
Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager	✓	
Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council		x
Nick Johnson– Norfolk County Council	✓	
Phil Shreeve – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Martin Seymour- Norfolk County Council	✓	
Adam Banham – Broadland District Council	✓	
Mark Page – STP Estates	✓	
Stewart Patience – Anglian Water	✓	
Grant Tuffs – Anglian Water	✓	
John Pitchford – Suffolk County Council		x

1	Annual Election of Chair	Actions
1.1	Cllr Fuller has been re-elected as 2019/20 Chair of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum.	
2	Welcome, introduction and apologies	
2.1	All members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above).	
3	Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 28th January 2019	
3.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
3.2	Cllr Fuller on behalf of the forum thanked the hard work and contribution made by John Pitchford to cross boundary strategic planning matter across Norfolk and Suffolk.	
3.3	Cllr Fuller also thanked Phil Mileham who represents Breckland District Council for his contribution over the years.	
3.4	No other matters arising.	
4	Anglian Water (Stewart Patience)	
4.1	Stewart Patience delivered a presentation informing members of Anglian Water's current and future long term work plan on water infrastructure.	
4.2	Anglian water has published its Strategic Direction Statement, and 25 years plan as well its draft 2020-25 5 year plan. The company's aims to improve and modernise its demand management, which includes water efficiency initiatives, smart metering and leakage reduction. Ambitious aims have been set, including reducing 22% of leakage by 2025, and 50% by 2050.	
4.3	The Company also plans to invest heavily into supplyside infrastructure.	
4.4	As part of the overall strategy to manage the region's water resources more efficiently, Anglian Water has been instrumental in establishing Water Resource East as an Independent, Not for Profit Company. Its purpose is to deliver a reliable, sustainable and affordable system of supply in the East of England which is resilient to the effects of climate change, population growth and drought.	
4.5	The founding board members are Anglian Water, Affinity Water, Cambridge Water, Essex and Suffolk Water, Severn Trent, the National Farmers' Union, RWE Generation; Lincolnshire County Council; Suffolk Growth Programme Board, Norfolk County Council and NALEP. Discussions on Board membership are ongoing with representatives of	

	other parts of the region such as the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.	
4.6	Cllr Fuller raised the issue of the current arrangement does not allow farmers to effectively store and use excessive water from Winter for drier summer season.	
4.7	Cllr Bambridge noted the importance of having an effective water resource management system on Norfolk's economy.	
4.8	Members also discussed at length the issue of extraction licence, the usage of grey water and flood water. Member agree there is a real need for more joined thinking between all stakeholders.	
4.9	Keith Moore informed members that Water Resource East will be making a priority of looking at ways to make the most effective use of water region receives.	
4.10	Cllr Blunt expressed his concern that the inadequate supply local sewage scheme could be a potential hinderance of driving housing development forward.	
5	Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (Trevor Wigget)	
5.1	Trevor gave an update on the progress of the NSPF. A report has been prepared detailing latest developments of the framework.	
5.2	Following the amendments suggested in the January Forum, the NSPF has been updated for Members recommendation of endorsement to their respective authority. The new version of the NSPF will effectively also operate as the Statement of Common Ground between all Norfolk planning authorities, as required by the latest NPPF.	
5.3	Cllr Fuller recommended the NSPF to include information on the formation of Water Resource East.	
5.4	Cllr Stonard noted that there was insufficient mentioning on the issue of climate change.	
5.5	Members discussed at length ways to include the climate change into the framework. It is agreed the current draft version is now at a too advanced stage to include new section on climate change, this will be something that needs to be addressed at the next version of the framework.	
5.6	Trevor informed Members that a special task group dedicated to looking at the issue of climate change has already been set up for the next iteration of the framework.	
5.7	For the current draft version, Cllr Fuller suggested adding a paragraph on climate change on Page 16 of the framework.	

5.8	Members agreed that subject to the minor contextual update, this iteration of the draft framework is ready for endorsement by each stakeholder authority.	
5.9	Trevor also informed the forum on the planned updates for version 3 of the framework, which includes new sections on telecoms, green infrastructure, transport and elderly housing.	
6	Health Planning	
6.1	Mark Page delivered a presentation primary care networks in Norfolk and Waveney.	
6.2	Primary care networks are part of the NHS Long Term Plan to fundamentally redesign patient care to future proof NHS for the decades ahead. It is part of the tools of a new service model for primary and community health and care services. Primary Care networks enable the provision of proactive, accessible, coordinated and more integrated primary and community care improving outcomes for patients.	
6.3	Cllr Fuller raised the importance of having a single point of contact for Local Planning Authority to engage with health care providers on a consistent basis both for assessing a planning application and site allocation stage when producing local plan.	
6.4	In response, Mark informed the forum a single contact point has been established to better engage with LPAs.	
6.5	Cllr Stonard enquired whether the PCNs will be able to control the purse string of commissioning services, to which Mark confirmed PCNs will not have any financial decision-making power.	
6.6	Cllr Fuller emphasised the need to see more progress in achieving ways for the LPAs to engage more effectively with the health providers to ensure sufficient health care provisions are in place in readiness to enable large housing site to successfully develop.	
7	Neighbouring Counties Update	
7.1	Ninan Xu updated latest progress from Suffolk, on behalf of John Pitchford.	
7.2	Suffolk is starting to refresh its Suffolk Strategic Framework.	
7.3	Preparation of a Suffolk Infrastructure Plan jointly by all local authorities in the county has commenced. This will seek to identify and prioritise the schemes required to support growth across Suffolk.	
7.4	Consultation has started on three options for the route of a new road link around the north of Ipswich. This will continue until September and would lead to the development of a strategic outline business case.	

8	Local Plan update	
8.1	A summary report updating members on the latest progress of the local plans have been presented at the forum. Updates noted.	
9	AOB	
9.1	The next member forum will be in October. Ninan Xu to confirm a date for the October forum.	