

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum
Thursday 11th October 2018
2pm Council Chamber, Norfolk County Council

Minutes

| Councillors | Attended | Apologies |
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| Cllr Arnold – North Norfolk District Council | | x |
| Cllr Bambridge – Breckland Council | ✓ | |
| Cllr Clancy – Norfolk County Council | | x |
| Cllr Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair | ✓ | |
| Mr Bruce Keith – Broads Authority | ✓ | |
| Cllr Annison - Great Yarmouth Borough Council | ✓ | |
| Cllr Blunt – King’s Lynn & West Norfolk | ✓ | |
| Cllr Stonard – Norwich City Council | ✓ | |
| Cllr Moncur – Broadland District Council | ✓ | |
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| Supporting Officers | Attended | Apologies |
| Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council | ✓ | |
| Natalie Beal – Broads Authority | | x |
| Cally Smith – Broads Authority | ✓ | |
| Richard Drake – Norfolk County Council – Minerals & Waste | | x |
| Phil Mileham – Breckland Council | ✓ | |
| Keith Moore – Environment Agency | | x |
| Phil Morris – Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
| Graham Nelson – Norwich City Council | ✓ | |
| Simon Marjoram – South Norfolk Council | | x |
| John Clements – Great Yarmouth Borough Council | ✓ | |
| Ninan Xu – Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
| John Walchester – Broadland District Council | ✓ | |
| Alan Gomm – King’s Lynn and West Norfolk | ✓ | |
| Trevor Wiggett – Strategic Framework Project Manager | ✓ | |
| Caroline Jeffrey - Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
| Nick Johnson– Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
| Phil Shreeve – Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
| Martin Seymour- Norfolk County Council | ✓ | |
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| 1 | Welcome, introduction and apologies | Actions |
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| 1.1 | All members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above). | |
| 2 | Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 12th July 2018 | |
| 2.1 | Previous minutes agreed as accurate. | |
| 2.2 | Cllr Fuller welcomed the Environment Agency's official endorsement of the Coastal Zone Planning Statement of Common Ground. | |
| 3 | East of England Forecasting Model (Phil Morris and Ninan Xu) | |
| 3.1 | <p>Phil and Ninan delivered a presentation on the latest data release of the East of the England Forecasting Model. The model was developed by Oxford Economics to project economic, demographic and housing trends in a consistent trend for the East of England region and sub-regions. It is now operated by Cambridge Econometrics. Norfolk County Council funds the local share of the commissioning cost of the projection on an annual basis, supporting Local Plans and economic development strategies, and contributing to the work of the Strategic Planning Member Forum.</p> | |
| 3.2 | <p>Phil explained the principal purpose of the model is to help to inform spatial planning and economic development in the East of England. It is also widely used for performance monitoring and as a robust evidence base for fund bidding. Part of its strength is that it provides consistent data across a wide geography and over time (it has been used for over 10 years). It is freely available, including to business.</p> | |
| 3.3 | <p>The presentation covered the latest projection on sectoral prospects, as well as GVA, employment and high skilled occupations.</p> | |
| 3.4 | <p>Ninan presented analysis from 2008 to 2028 on productivity and employment growth on district by district basis. The overall picture across the county suggests that the volume of employment growth compares favourably to the national level, but the value of productivity will remain consistently lower than the national level.</p> <p>Members welcomed the updates into the latest projection, and Great Yarmouth Borough Council thanked officers for the hard work.</p> <p>ACTION to circulate the presentation.</p> | |
| 4 | Health Planning Protocol (Martin Seymour and Phil Shreeve) | |
| 4.1 | <p>Martin delivered a presentation informing Members on the latest progress in updating the next iteration of Health Planning Protocol. The aim of the Protocol is to facilitate greater co-operation between Local Planning Authority and NHS healthcare planning.</p> | |

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| 4.2 | Officers are working on revising information on population data and infrastructure needs, threshold and the healthy planning check list. It is intended to present to Members the updated Protocol at the scheduled December Member forum. | |
| 4.3 | Cllr Bambridge emphasised the importance of better health planning especially in the context of any garden town proposals. | |
| 4.4 | Cllr Stonard referred to his experience in health planning and praised the hard work the officers have put in, particularly on the unprecedented level of depth and proactiveness of the Protocol. | |
| 4.5 | Mr Keith raised the importance of inclusion of mental health into the framework of the Protocol. | |
| 5 | Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Progress Update (Graham Nelson) | |
| 5.1 | Graham gave an update on the latest progress of the NSPF. A report has been prepared for Members' consideration on the future funding arrangement of NSPF. | |
| 5.2 | As part of the framework update, to strengthen compliance with the duty to co-operate and ensuring the framework is consistent with strategies with neighbouring counties and London, officers are intending to consult neighbouring districts as well the GLA on their abilities to meet their own housing needs. A formal letter asking their positions on OAN and cross boundary issues is intended to be issued shortly. | |
| 5.3 | The updated next iteration of the framework is expected to be presented to Members at the December forum. | |
| 5.4 | The financial arrangement for the next year has been agreed, continuing the previous arrangements, with districts to contribute £10,000 per annum, the Broads Authority to contribute £5000 per annum, and County contributing the cost of EEFM and staff time. | |
| 5.5 | Re the funding arrangement going forward, Cllr Stonard, Cllr Fuller and Cllr Bambridge suggested they would like to see additional direct financial contribution from the County Council. The issue has been agreed to be deferred to the next member forum. | |
| 6 | Housing Delivery Issues | |
| 6.1 | It was noted that housing delivery was high on the agenda for the authorities and was under discussion at CEX level. It AGREED that there is a need for further work to take account of the WSP study and address how the authorities need to work to increase housing delivery. | NSPG |
| 6.2 | Cllr Fuller informed the forum that the Government is currently looking into the issues emerged from the new Housing Methodology, where | |

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| | some areas such as Cambridge are left with the answer of having no housing needs. | |
| 6.3 | The HIF bids application is currently oversubscribed by a ratio 3:1. | |
| 7 | Neighbouring Counties Update | |
| 7.1 | No update. | |
| 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 | No AOB. | |