

**Report to** Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Report of** Norfolk Strategic Framework Project Manager

**Subject** Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Progress

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### **Purpose**

To update members on progress of work programme for 2018.

### **Recommendation**

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

To provide feedback on the changes made to the revised NSPF.

To recommend that due to the relatively minor nature of the changes made to the NSPF that a public consultation is not held for the revised version of the document.

To recommend that once any amendments required from feedback received on the current version of the document have been made, each constituent authority agrees to take the revised NSPF back to their authority for formal endorsement.

### **Financial implications**

No financial implications.

### **Contact officers**

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### **Further Information**

None.

## Report

### Purpose

The purpose of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) Project is to update the previously endorsed NSPF to:

- Ensure the document meets the new requirements of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) particularly:
  - it meets the requirements set out for the Statement of Common Ground (SCG)
  - it is updated to assess the impacts of the new housing methodology on the housing section and the ability of each authority to meet its own housing needs
- Complete the commitments set out in the currently endorsed document including:
  - Shared guidance on the roll out of the 5G network
  - Update to the Health Protocol and health section following further improved engagement with the Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)
  - Update to the utilities section following further improved engagement with UK Power Networks and Anglian Water
  - Update and more detailed information regarding elderly housing needs
  - Production of a Norfolk wide GI Strategy
  - Review of the section on delivery issues and proposed actions to take forward jointly
  - Inclusion of transport agreement
  - Review tier one employment sites

The NSPF will be reviewed regularly as the duty to co-operate requires authorities to work together in 'an ongoing and meaningful way' and Statement of Common Ground must 'reflect the most up to date position in terms of joint working across the area'.

## **NSPF Endorsement**

1. The endorsed version of the NSPF is available via this Link:  
<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/-/media/norfolk/downloads/what-we-do-and-how-we-work/policy-performance-and-partnerships/partnerships/strategic-member-forum/latest-endorsed-version-of-the-norfolk-strategic-planning-framework.pdf?la=en>

## **Revised NSPF**

2. A revised NSPF has been produced in line with the timetable previously agreed and is now ready for review at the January 2019 Member Forum. The revised NSPF has been updated to meet the new requirements of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and to meet the requirements set out for the Statement of Common Ground (SCG).
3. It also has been updated to assess the impacts of the new local housing need assessment methodology and the ability of each authority to meet its own housing needs. However there remains some uncertainty around the housing methodology with the recent technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance only having completed on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.
4. A number of other changes have been made including:
  - a. Updating the document in relation to the latest position regarding 5G and broadband
  - b. Updating the health section in line with the updated Health Protocol following further improved engagement with the Norfolk Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)
  - c. Updates to the utilities section following further improved engagement with UK Power Networks and Anglian Water
  - d. Updates to the transport section in line with the new Norfolk Infrastructure Delivery Plan
  - e. Review of tier one employment sites
  - f. The inclusion of a new minerals and waste section
5. There has also been a full review of the document to ensure all information is up to date and represents the latest position in the county.
6. To support the production of the document a letter has also been sent to all neighbouring authorities and the GLA to formally confirm if they will need to seek assistance to meet their housing need and of any cross boundary issues that need further engagement with Norfolk authorities.

## **Outstanding work**

7. A number of workstreams being undertaken have not been completed in time to be included in this version of the document including:
  - a. The completion of the county wide Green Infrastructure work
  - b. The completion of the shared guidance for 5G and fibre broadband
  - c. The completion the proposals highlighted in the housing section to help promote housing delivery
  - d. Completion of an Specialist Housing Strategy for Norfolk
8. It is expected that this work will be completed by Summer 2019 and it is proposed that the next version of the NSPF will be produced for the end of 2019.

## **Public Consultation**

9. Whilst the updates to the document represent significant work there has been very little change to the vision, objectives and the agreements from the first version of the document. The position has been discussed at the NSPG in November and officers have recommended that because of this the new version of the NSPF is not put out for public consultation. There is also no requirement within the revised NPPF to hold a public consultation for a Statement of Common Ground.

## **Timetable**

10. If a public consultation is not held, following feedback and updates from members, the document will be submitted to each authority for endorsement. It is expected that this process will complete in March 2019.

## **Work Programme for 2019/20**

11. It is anticipated that the next version (version 3) of the NSPF will represent a more significant change and as such there will be a greater case to hold a public consultation later in 2019. A high level programme of work for the next financial year is set out on the next page.

# Norfolk Strategic Planning Work Programme 2019/20

