

Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum
2pm Thursday 12th April 2018
Council Chamber, Norfolk County Council

Minutes

Councillors	Attended	Apologies
Cllr Arnold – North Norfolk District Council	✓	
Cllr Bambridge – Breckland Council		x
Cllr Sands – Norfolk County Council		x
Cllr Fuller – South Norfolk District Council - Chair		x
Prof Jacquie Burgess – Broads Authority	✓	
Cllr Annison - Great Yarmouth Borough Council		x
Cllr Blunt – King’s Lynn & West Norfolk	✓	
Cllr Stonard – Norwich City Council	✓	
Cllr Vincent – Broadland District Council	✓	
Supporting Officers	Attended	Apologies
Mark Ashwell – North Norfolk District Council		x
Natalie Beal – Broads Authority	✓	
Richard Drake – Norfolk County Council – Minerals & Waste		x
Phil Mileham – Breckland Council	✓	
Keith Moore – Environment Agency	✓	
Phil Morris – Norfolk County Council		x
Graham Nelson – Norwich City Council	✓	
Simon Marjoram – South Norfolk Council	✓	
John Pitchford - Suffolk County 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	✓	
Karen Chapman – Suffolk County Council		x
Nick Johnson– Norfolk County Council	✓	
David White – Norfolk County Council	✓	
Adam Nicholls – Great Yarmouth Borough Council	✓	

1	Election of New Chair	Actions
1.1	Cllr Vincent nominated Cllr Fuller as the Chair for the 2018-19 member forum, the nomination was seconded by Cllr Arnold.	
1.2	Cllr Fuller has been elected to continue as the Chair of the Forum.	
2	Welcome, introduction and apologies	
2.1	All members and officers introduced themselves and apologies were noted (as above).	
2.2	Cllr Vincent stood in for Cllr Fuller as the Chair of this forum.	
3	Minutes and matters arising from meeting of 22nd February 2018	
3.1	Previous minutes agreed as accurate.	
3.2	No matters arising.	
4	Norfolk Green Infrastructure Work (David White)	
4.1	David White delivered a presentation informing and updating members on the latest work of the Norfolk Green Infrastructure Mapping project, which was part of the commissioned work under the production of Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework. The intention of the project is to help Local Planning Authorities to set out an appropriate strategic approach in their local plans for the creation, protection, enhancement and networks of green infrastructure.	
4.2	Work undertaken includes mapping current GI assets, ecological networks and GI corridors. The information derived from this study will support planners make better “connections” between GI and growth, providing Local Planning Authorities with a deliverable approach to addressing infrastructure matters to enable and support growth.	
4.3	Cllr Burgess took the opportunity make all aware that there is 2.6 million heritage lottery fund made available for works on watermills and marshes. ACTION: Ninan Xu to circulate GI powerpoint presentation to all.	NX
5	Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework progress update (Trevor Wigget)	
5.1	Trevor Wigget presented a progress report updating Members on the Norfolk Strategic Framework. The endorsement process of NSPF has been completed and all authorities have endorsed NSPF in its current form.	
5.2	Trevor talked through the draft 2018 work programme for the continuation of the NSPF included in the progress report. The main focus for this coming year’s programme include updating the NSPF (in	

	light of the draft new NPPF) and developing this into a statement of common ground.	
5.3	Some of the specific work relating the reviewing/updating of the NSPF are production of a GI strategy for Norfolk, review the impacts of the new housing methodology on the housing section, update the health protocol and health section following further improved engagement with Norfolk Clinical Commissioning groups and the Sustainability and Transformation partnership.	
5.4	Further proposed progress on the Housing delivery work will depend upon identification of other delivery work streams currently being carried out to ensure a more joined up approach is taken to establish which tasks fit best within which groups.	
5.5	Graham Nelson informed the forum the aim of the officers is to bring the revised version of the NSPF by December this year.	
5.6	Cllr Vincent emphasised the priority of NSPF should be the developing it into a statement of common ground.	
5.7	Cllr Arnold raised her concern over the lack of progress made in the broadening internet/mobile network coverage in rural areas such as North Norfolk. While this is not a specific planning issue, it is agreed that a representative from the Norfolk Better Broadband team to be invited to update Members on the progress of its delivery work.	
5.8	ACTION: Ninan Xu to invite a representative from the Norfolk Better Broadband team to attend the July member forum.	NX
6	Government's 25 year Environment Plan (Keith Moore)	
6.1	This item has been postponed to the next forum due to Keith Moore's absence.	
7	Draft revised National Planning Policy Framework (Adam Nicholls)	
7.1	Adam Nicholls delivered a presentation on the draft revised National Planning Policy Framework. The consultation is now open with effect from 5 th March to 10 May 2018. Key changes include statement of common ground, housing delivery test, the requirement to review local plan every 5 years, the need to plan for a range of different need types of housing and support for 5G and fibre broadband needed to Local Plan policies.	
7.2	As the Norfolk Broads has been omitted from the government's definition of national park, Natalie Beal encouraged everyone to remind government to include the Broads as part of the national park definition in their responses to the NPPF consultation.	
7.3	ACTION: Ninan Xu to circulate this presentation to all.	NX

8	Suffolk/Neighbouring Counties Update	
8.1	Suffolk is currently developing a Growth Programme following the AECOM report, a summary report has now been produced.	
8.2	Alan Gomm gave an update on the development of the Cambridgeshire Peterborough Combined Authority Strategic Framework.	
8.3	There is also currently statement of common ground work taken place between Great Yarmouth Borough Council and Waveney District Council.	
9	Local Plan Update - All	
9.1	A summary report updating members on the latest progress of the local plans have been presented at the forum. Updates noted.	
10	AOB	
10.1	No AOB	