

**Report to** Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum  
12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Report of** Norfolk Strategic Framework Project Manager

**Subject** Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework Progress

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**Purpose**

To update members on proposed work programme for 2018 and the endorsement of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework.

**Recommendation**

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

To endorse the work programme for 2018.

**Financial implications**

No financial implications and no additional budget required.

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**Further Information**

None.

## Report

### Purpose

The purpose of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) Project is to produce a non-statutory framework to:

- Agree shared objectives and strategic priorities to improve outcomes for Norfolk and inform the preparation of future local plans;
- Demonstrate compliance with the duty to co-operate;
- Find efficiencies in the planning system through working towards the establishment of a shared evidence base;
- Influence subsequent high level plans; and
- Maximise the opportunities to secure external funding to delivery against agreed objectives.

The NSPF will be reviewed regularly as the duty to co-operate requires authorities to work together in an ongoing and meaningful way. The NSPF produced is the first version and changes will be made as further evidence becomes available and when government policy changes are confirmed.

### NSPF Endorsement

1. The endorsement process of the NSPF has been completed and all authorities have endorsed the NSPF in its current form. The document has been updated to include all agreements at the front of the report at the request of Broadland DC.
2. 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>

### 2018 Work programme

3. At the member forum held in February draft proposals for the work programme in 2018 were presented to members. Following the publication of the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) further details of the proposed work programme for 2018 can now be provided and are included in this report for review by members.
4. The work programme centres on the update of the NSPF and developing this into a Statement of Common Ground. Further details are within the next section. In addition to the work programme identified the strategic function will continue to:
  - Support and report to the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum and NSPG
  - Support Neighbour engagement /cross boundary meetings
  - Improve Utilities and Health engagement and meetings
  - Support engagement in countrywide Strategic Planning

## Review of the NSPF

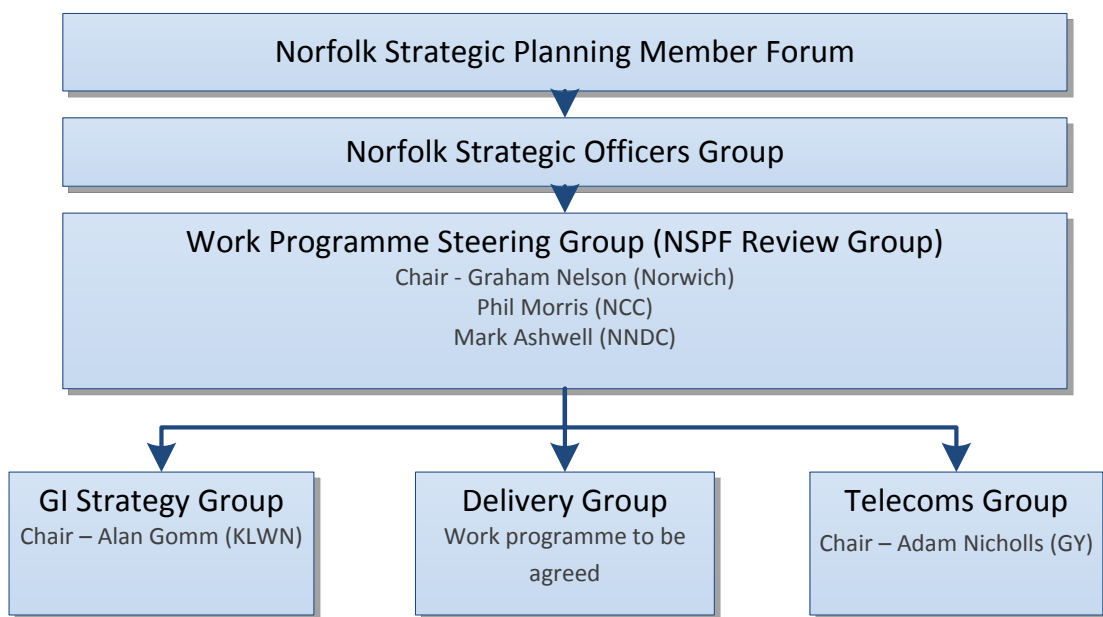
5. The revised NPPF introduces the requirement for authorities to produce Statements of Common Ground (SCG) over an area which is deemed the most appropriate functional area. It is proposed that the NSPF is developed into a Statement of Common ground covering the whole of Norfolk.
6. The currently endorsed NSPF needs to be reviewed in light of the new NPPF and to complete commitments set out in the document, these include:
  - Review of agreements in the NSPF to ensure they fit the government guidelines on the SCG requirements
  - Review the impacts of the new housing methodology on the housing section and the ability of each authority to meet its own housing needs
  - Review of the section on delivery issues and proposed actions to take forward jointly
  - Production of shared guidance on the location of base and booster stations for the 5G network
  - Production of Transport agreement to be included in revised NSPF
  - Production of a GI Strategy for Norfolk and review of GI section within the NSPF
  - Review Tier one Employment sites and update to the employment section in light of the new East of England Forecast Model run.
7. A general review to updated information and improve areas where time was limited will also be completed this will include the following:
  - Update to the utilities section following further improved engagement with UK Power networks and Anglian Water
  - 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)
  - Updates to the information regarding Elderly housing needs following the Norfolk County Council's development of a 'Supported Housing Delivery Programme' which will include a supported and agreed planning and housing need evidence base.

## Delivery

8. There are a number of groups working across Norfolk and Suffolk looking at various aspect of housing delivery, these include:
  - Norfolk Operational Growth Group
  - Various Building Growth sub groups who are looking at housing delivery/innovation, planning innovation and the land market
  - Norfolk Strategic Growth Group
9. It is proposed that before further delivery work is taken forward by this group it will be necessary to identify other work being complete and ensure a more joined up approach is taken to establish which tasks fit best within which groups. A more detailed report over how delivery matters can be cooperatively progressed is expected to be reported at the July Member Forum.

## Governance

10. The governance structure to oversee the 2018 work programme will remain broadly the same as the structure used for the production of the NSF. The structure is set out in the diagram below. The changes to the NSPF will be created by the existing Steering Group which will report up to the NSPF and the Member Forum. The steering group will use Task and Finish Group to oversee specific specialist work covering the Green Infrastructure Strategy and Telecoms Shared Guidance.
11. Once it is clear what delivery work can be taken forward by the group it is likely a delivery group will be set up to oversee this work but this arrangement will be confirmed at the next member forum.



## Budget

12. The 2018 Work programme will be funded using contributions of £10,000 per authority as discussed at the October 2017 member forum, this will be collected in April 2018.