

Report to Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum

12th July 2018

Report of Head of Coastal Partnership East

Subject Draft Statement of Common Ground – Coastal Zone Planning

Purpose

To update members on the development of a draft Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) - Coastal Zone Planning for inclusion in the reviewed Norfolk Strategic Planning Framework (NSPF) document.

Recommendation

To endorse the draft Statement of Common Ground – Coastal Zone Planning document for inclusion in the reviewed NSPF document.

Financial implications

No financial implications and no additional budget required.

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Further Information

None.

Report

Coastal Zone Planning SOCG - Purpose

The purpose of the Coastal Zone Planning SOCG is to set out an agreed approach to coastal planning in relation to:

- Demonstrating compliance with the “Duty to Cooperate”;
- Agreeing shared aims for the management of the coast;
- Maintaining and developing a shared evidence base; and
- Recognising the importance of cross-boundary issues in relation to coastal management.

Background

Planners from all of the Norfolk and Suffolk coastal local planning authorities, including the Broads Authority, held a series of meetings in the latter part of 2017/early part of 2018 to share knowledge and experience and identify common interests around coastal planning processes. This Draft Coastal Zone Planning SOCG document is the outcome from those discussions. The draft document is set out at Appendix A below.

NSPF endorsement process

This report seeks the endorsement of the Norfolk Strategic Planning Member Forum for the Coastal Zone Planning SOCG to lead to its inclusion in the reviewed NSPF. At district level each coastal and planning portfolio holder is to be asked to endorse the SOCG.

Suffolk endorsement process

In Suffolk the agreed approval process is for each portfolio holder (both coastal and planning or both) will sign under delegated powers and they are happy to do so. This will be completed during July.

Appendix A