

Report to Duty to Cooperate Member Forum
16th February 2016

Report of Steering Group, Mark Ashwell, Planning Policy Manager, North
Norfolk District Council

Subject Progress on preparation of Local Plans.

Purpose

To update members on progress that is being made on the preparation of Local Plans in Norfolk.

Recommendation

The report is for information only

Financial implications

No financial implications.

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Further Information

None.

Local Plan Update

1. This report provides a short update in relation to Local Plan preparation for all Norfolk Authorities.
2. All Authorities in the County have adopted Core Strategies covering various plan periods ending between 2021 (North Norfolk) and 2030 (Yarmouth). There are adopted Site Allocation Plans in Norwich, Broadland, South Norfolk, North Norfolk, Broads Authority, Breckland and Kings Lynn and West Norfolk.
3. All Authorities have commenced, or will soon commence work on Plan reviews and will produce new Local Plan documents extending to at least 2036. Yarmouth which already has a Core Strategy covering the period to 2030 may plan to 2041.
4. Work on these new Plans is at various stages with Breckland and the Broads Authority the most advanced having recently completed consultations on key options and preparing their Plans for submission. The GNDP authorities and North Norfolk are broadly at the same stage having commenced Plan review and undertaken a call for sites, some evidence gathering, and initial Regulation 18 consultation. Kings Lynn and West Norfolk are just commencing plan review and Yarmouth plan to commence their review in 2018.

Table 1 : Progress on preparation of Local Plans in Norfolk.

Authority	Current Plans		Emerging Plans	
	Plan	Stage	Plan	Stage
Norfolk	Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development Management Policies	Adopted Sept 2011	Silica Sand Review	Submitted for examination Dec 2016
	Minerals Site Specific Allocations Development Plan	Adopted October 2013		
	Waste Site Specific Allocations Development Plan	Adopted Oct 2013		
North Norfolk	Core Strategy	Adopted 2008 to cover plan period 2001-2021	Single Local Plan to cover period 2016-2036	Regulation 18 consultation undertaken, completed call for sites, commissioning evidence and undertaking HEELA. Expects to adopt 2018/19
	Site Allocations Development Plan and DM policies	Adopted 2011. Allocates for development to 2024		
Norwich	Joint Core Strategy	Adopted March 2011 to cover the period to 2026	Has commenced work via the GNP with Broadland and South Norfolk to produce a Greater Norwich Local Plan for the period to 2036 to include site allocations.	Has completed a Call for Sites which closed in July and is currently doing preparation work on a HELAA and evidence base. Currently expects to adopt joint Local Plan in 2020.
	Site Allocations	Adopted Dec 2014		
	DM Policies	Adopted December 2014		
	Northern City Centre Area Action Plan	Adopted March 2010		

Broadland	Joint Core Strategy as amended	Adopted January 2014	Has commenced work via the GNP with Norwich and South Norfolk to produce a Greater Norwich Local Plan for the period to 2036.	Has completed a Call for Sites which closed in July and is currently doing preparation work on a HELAA and evidence. Currently expects to adopt in 2020.
	Site Allocations Development Plan	Adopted May 2016		
South Norfolk	Joint Core Strategy	Adopted March 2011	Has commenced work via the GNP with Broadland and Norwich to produce a Greater Norwich Local Plan for the period to 2036.	Has completed a Call for Sites which closed in July and is currently doing preparation work on a HELAA. Currently aims to adopt in 2020.
	Site Allocations Development Plan	Adopted October 2015		
Breckland District Council	Core Strategy	Adopted 2009	New Local Plan completed preferred Options consultation stage. Plan period is 2011-2036.	Focused 'preferred sites and revised settlement boundaries' consultation taking place 19/09 – 31/10. Pre-submission publication to commence Spring 2017 and expect to adopt in Autumn 2017.
	Site Allocations	Adopted 2012		
	Thetford Area Action Plan	Adopted July 2012		
Broads Authority	Core Strategy	Adopted 2007	Is preparing a new single Local Plan to cover the period 2012-2036	Has completed Issues and Options consultation and aims to adopt in early 2018.
	Site Specific Proposals	Adopted 2014		
	Development Management Policies	Adopted 2011		
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk	Core Strategy	Adopted 2011	Has recently commenced Plan review to produce a single local plan	Will shortly undertake a call for sites
	Site Allocations Development Plan	Adopted 2016		

			for covering 2016-36.	
Yarmouth	Core Strategy	Adopted 2015 to cover the period 2013-2030	Likely to commence Plan review in 2018.	Currently undertaking a Call for Sites to inform part 2 of the Local Plan which will allocate land to deliver the Core Strategy. Likely to commence Plan review in 2018

Joint Evidence Preparation

- 5. As part of the Duty to Co-operate the Authorities have agreed to commission a number of evidence documents as outlined below. These are informing the preparation of the Norfolk Strategic Framework and individual/joint Local Plans. The process of commissioning evidence and project management has inevitably been slightly more complex and time consuming as there is a need to reconcile the needs of a number of authorities. Set against this, although a detailed cost comparison has not been prepared, joint commissioning will have saved many thousands of pounds.

Table 2. Jointly Commissioned Evidence.

Evidence document	Main subject areas	Commissioning Authorities
Central Norfolk Strategic Housing Market Assessments (and updates).	Quantifies how much housing is required over the plan period and what type (size and tenure). Central Norfolk SHMA currently being updated to reflect latest Household Forecasts and Housing White Paper.	Norwich City Council, South Norfolk, Broadland, Breckland and North Norfolk Kings Lynn and West Norfolk and Yarmouth Borough Council have published SHMAs
Elderly Persons Accommodation Needs Assessment	Quantifies the likely level of need for specialist elderly accommodation	All Norfolk Authorities.

Gypsy, Traveller and Caravan Needs Assessment	Quantifies the likely level of need for caravan and houseboat accommodation including for Gypsies and Travellers	All authorities (including the Broads) except Breckland (doing/done their own) and KL (part of a wider Cambs area study).
Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Updates existing SFRA to include latest climate change models	Shortly to be commissioned by all Norfolk Council's. Brief being agreed with Environment Agency.
Visitor Pressure Study	Provides evidence in relation to the potential increase in visitors to designated wildlife sites as a consequence of housing growth and the possible need to mitigate visitor impacts	All Norfolk Authorities (Published)
Green Infrastructure Study	Maps existing green infrastructure, identifies gaps and will help to inform Green Infrastructure Strategies	All Norfolk Authorities (under preparation)
HELA	Assessments of unconstrained capacity for housing and employment development.	All Norfolk Planning Authorities have agreed a standardised methodology and are separately or jointly (GNDP) preparing studies.