

Minutes of a meeting of the **Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group**, held at the Genome Analysis Centre on **Thursday, 25 March 2010 at 2.00 p.m.** when there were present:

Representing:-

Councillor Simon Woodbridge (Acting Chairman)	Broadland District Council
Councillor Roger Foulger	Broadland District Council
Councillor Andrew Proctor	Broadland District Council
Councillor Brenda Arthur	Norwich City Council
Councillor Steve Morphew	Norwich City Council
Councillor Colin Gould	South Norfolk Council
Councillor Martin Wynne	South Norfolk Council
Councillor Adrian Gunson	Norfolk County Council
Councillor Ann Steward	Norfolk County Council
Councillor Alan Mallett	The Broads Authority
Sandra Eastaugh	GNDP Partnership Manager
Ruth Charles	GNDP
Roger Burroughs	Broadland District Council
Phil Kirby	Broadland District Council
Mike Burrell	Norwich City Council
Graham Nelson	Norwich City Council
Ben Webster	Norwich City Council
Andrew Gregory	South Norfolk Council
Tim Horspole	South Norfolk Council
Andrea Long	Broads Authority
Phil Morris	Norfolk County Council
Mike Jackson	Norfolk County Council
Richard Doleman	Norfolk County Council
Michael Hargreaves	Go-East
Mark Fuller	Linstock Communications

1 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor John Fuller, Councillor Simon Woodbridge (Broadland District Council) was nominated, seconded and duly elected Acting Chairman for the meeting.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in the item listed below:

Minute	Councillor	Declaration
7	M Wynne	Personal interest as District Councillor for Wymondham

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from the Chairman, Councillor John Fuller (South Norfolk Council), Councillor Stuart Clancy (Broadland District Council), Councillor Alan Waters (Norwich City Council), Councillor Brian Morrey (Norwich City Council), Councillor Derek Blake (South Norfolk Council), Councillor Brian Iles (Norfolk County Council), Councillor Daniel Cox (Norfolk County Council), Jerry Massey (Norwich City Council), Paul Rao (Norwich City Council), Chris Starkie (Shaping Norfolk's Future), Mary Marston (Go-East), David Wilson (EEDA), Mark Allison (EEDA), Mike Goulding (HCA).

4 WELCOME

The Acting Chairman (Cllr Simon Woodbridge) welcomed members and officers to the meeting at the Genome Analysis Centre on the Norwich Research Park and introduced the Director of the Genome Analysis Centre, Dr Jane Rogers who formally welcomed the Policy Group to the Centre. She expressed thanks for the financial support received from the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) and briefly outlined the work being carried out at the Centre in the field of food security since its launch in July 2009.

Cllrr Ann Steward was welcomed to her first meeting of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group by the Acting Chairman.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2010 subject to an amendment to minute number 1, correcting Cllr Martin Wynne's declaration of interest (to District Councillor not Town and District Councillor).

6 NORWICH AREA TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY (NATS) IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Mike Jackson (Norfolk County Council) referred members to his report on the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy Implementation Plan, reminding them that it was the last opportunity to comment on the Plan before it was considered by Norfolk County Council Cabinet on 6 April 2010. He also referred to an additional paper detailing the proposal to close Westlegate to through traffic, which was available on request.

Cllr Andrew Proctor (Broadland District Council) raised a concern about public transportation links from Rackheath outside the Norwich Policy Area, particularly in respect of Wroxham. He was reassured that developments with regard to transportation links from/to Rackheath were ongoing due to the significant level of change taking place here.

Cllr Adrian Gunson highlighted the necessity to clarify responsibilities for improvements to the A47 under the sub-heading 'Other Highway Schemes' in Appendix B.

RESOLVED to support the Implementation Plan and endorse the recommended small changes to the NATS policies and that the NATS area becomes consistent with the Norwich Policy Area.

7 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – SECURING DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Members considered the revised report on Securing Developer Contributions, as outlined by Roger Burroughs (Broadland District Council). The Integrated Development Programme (IDP) (which was being updated) looked at infrastructure priorities for growth. Regulations for introducing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) were due to come into force in April 2010, subject to parliamentary approval. The balance and practicalities of use of a CIL and a 106 Agreement was discussed in the context of different funding streams available for community infrastructure needs.

Members considered the three Options for the delivery of CIL in the GNDP districts. The most favoured delivery option was Option 2 which involved voluntary collaboration between districts; however, Option 3 which focused on a more formalised method of joint working, was not ruled out at this stage.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) agree that further work be undertaken on CIL or a tariff based approach to developer contributions for infrastructure;
- 2) consider a more detailed progress update at a meeting of the GNDP Policy Group to be held in May 2010 in advance of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) Examination.

8 JOINT CORE STRATEGY: UPDATE ON SUBMISSION

Members noted the paper from Sandra Eastaugh (GNDP Partnership Manager) which provided an update on submission of the JCS and the timetable which was being worked towards.

RESOLVED to schedule an additional meeting of the GNDP Policy Group. It was **AGREED** that this be held on Thursday 27 May 2010 following a pre-hearing meeting with the Inspector earlier in the month.

9 GREATER NORWICH DESIGN REVIEW PANEL

Ben Webster (Norwich City Council) outlined the proposal for a Design Review Panel for Greater Norwich which had been raised at the GNDP Directors meeting on 6 November 2009.

RESOLVED to approve the proposal to set up a Greater Norwich Design Review Panel, subject to a minor amendment to the Proposed Terms of Reference (para 3) - ie that a whole meeting could be devoted to consideration of just one scheme if deemed to be appropriate.

10 ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM – AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT – ECONOMIC AND HOUSING GROWTH INSPECTION - GNDP

Members considered the Audit Commission report reviewing the working of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership as it came to the close of the first phase of its work. Sandra Eastaugh advised that the Commission was impressed with the results of the projects which had been undertaken, and the low level of cost involved. Three main recommendations had been made, all of which had been considered previously and would be taken forward.

Michael Hargreaves (Go-East) added that he considered that the GNDP was particularly effective at delivering value for money.

10 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

As detailed in minute number 8 above: it was **RESOLVED** that an additional meeting would be held on Thursday 27 May 2010. Members would be notified in advance whether or not the meeting scheduled for 24 June 2010 would take place.

The meeting closed at 3.04 pm.

CHAIRMAN