

Local Investment Plan and Programme for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk – Progress Update

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Progress

The Homes and Communities Agency requested that the Partnership undertook a prioritisation process for short-term projects in the LIPP in summer this year. This work was signed-off and submitted in August and is being used by the Homes and Communities Agency to inform their business planning work.

The GNDP team have had a number of meetings with service providers including Anglian Water and UK Power Networks and have updated the green infrastructure information in the LIPP, refining the costs in the Infrastructure Needs and Funding Study 2009 in the Topic Paper: Green Infrastructure. The team continues to meet with the Green Infrastructure Steering Group to refine this work further.

The Greater Norwich Development Partnership committed to undertaking a regular review of the LIPP and officers have been working to update the LIPP over the last few weeks. This has involved updating the text of the document and refreshing information held on the confidential housing, regeneration and growth and infrastructure projects.

The next LIPP update will be published as part of the background documents informing the publication of the Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedules in February next year.

Remaining updates to make include:

Update following the Joint Core Strategy Legal Challenge
Update to take account of the Draft Charging Schedules

The LIPP was signed-off in February 2011 by the GNDP constituent authorities and the Homes and Communities Agency.

The Executive Summary of the LIPP is attached in Appendix 1. A full copy of the draft of the next iteration of the LIPP is available to Members on request.

Appendix 1

Extract from version 4.1 DRAFT – Local Investment Plan and Programme for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk

1 Executive summary

1.1 This Local Investment Plan and Programme (LIPP) sets out the key packages and projects identified as necessary for the sustainable delivery of high levels of housing and job growth in Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk. The LIPP focuses on delivery of the major housing locations and the strategic employment sites in the Norwich Policy Area, but also identifies strategic infrastructure need elsewhere.

1.2 The Joint Core Strategy (JCS) for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk was adopted on 24 March 2011. The JCS states that the Greater Norwich Development Partnership (GNDP) will develop and manage a delivery programme supporting the implementation of the strategy. This programme will be developed through the LIPP.

1.3 The LIPP includes a strong evidence base for the proposed investments, an explanation of the process of developing the LIPP, and a description of the main packages and projects and how they link back to the evidence base.

Evidence base

1.4 Between 2008 and 2026 the JCS provides the foundation for identifying land to meet the requirements of providing 37,000 additional homes in the area and securing another 27,000 new jobs.

1.5 The evidence base (Appendix 3) demonstrates that the area has the capacity to support this scale of growth, subject to the provision of supporting infrastructure, and to contribute greatly to the achievement of broader objectives for the region.

Process

1.6 The LIPP has been produced by officers of the GNDP and its constituent local authorities. Regular meetings of a working group have steered development of the LIPP.

1.7 Packages, projects and priorities

This LIPP has four themes and five spatial packages.

Themes:

1.8 The themes cover the specific types of investment and interventions required to deliver high-quality growth in the sub-region. The themes included in the LIPP are:

- Environment

- Housing, including Affordable Housing, housing for older and more vulnerable households and homelessness
- Jobs and the Economy
- Essential infrastructure, services and community facilities

1.9 **Spatial Packages:**

- North East
- City
- South West
- Long Stratton
- Broadland and South Norfolk elsewhere

1.10 These themes include existing assets around which substantial and sustainable growth can be achieved, and also reflect the location of the main physical constraints on development.

1.11 Each theme draws upon the relevant local strategy, and links the key outputs from these to the spatial areas.

Timescales for Delivery

1.12 Projects within this document are referred to as being short, medium, or long term. These headings relate to when the projects are being delivered, or projected for delivery within the following timescales:

- Short-Term Projects 2008 - 2016
- Medium Term Projects 2016-2021
- Long Term Projects 2021-2026

1.13 The programme includes projects that are planned to commence after 2016, or are still being developed, and have strategic significance to the delivery of growth in the area. Figure 1, below, illustrates the relationship between the LIPP, strategies and the evidence base.



Figure 1

- 1.14 The LIPP and subsequent Local Investment Agreement (LIA) will provide an agreement between the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) and the Greater Norwich Development Partnership. It shows priorities and direction of investment, with no commitment of funding. It has been recognised that the LIPP is an evolving document that will be utilised to attract public and private sector investment to the Greater Norwich area. It will be subject to regular review to account for any policy and economic change.