

Minutes of a meeting of the **Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group**, held at Norfolk County Council, Council Chamber, **Thursday, 16 December 2010 at 2.00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Councillor Roger Foulger
Mr Alan Mallett
Councillor Steve Morphew
Councillor Brenda Arthur
Councillor Victoria MacDonald
Councillor Derek Blake
Councillor Colin Gould
Councillor Margaret Dewsbury
Councillor Derrick Murphy (Chairman)
Councillor Graham Plant
Councillor Brian Iles
Councillor Ann Steward
Councillor Jenny Chamberlin

Representing:-

Broadland District Council
Broads Authority
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
South Norfolk Council
South Norfolk Council
South Norfolk Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council
Norfolk County Council (Broadland LSP)

Officers Present:

Sandra Eastaugh	GNDP Partnership Manager
Ruth Charles	GNDP
Amy Baxter	GNDP
Katherine Chambers	GNHP
Roger Burroughs	Broadland District Council
Phil Kirby	Broadland District Council
Mike Burrell	Norwich City Council
Ben Webster	Norwich City Council
Graham Nelson	Norwich City Council
Jerry Massey	Norwich City Council
Gwyn Jones	Norwich City Council
Keith Mitchell	South Norfolk Council
Tim Horspole	South Norfolk Council
Andrea Long	Broads Authority
Mike Jackson	Norfolk County Council
Phil Morris	Norfolk County Council
Chris Starkie	Shaping Norfolk's Future

Observers

Lesley Grahame and Claire Stephenson – Norwich City Councillors and Phil Hardy and Andrew Boswell – Norfolk County Councillors.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared.

2 TO CONFIRM THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The GNDP confirmed Derrick Murphy as Chairman and Simon Woodbridge as Vice-Chairman of the GNDP Policy Group respectively.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alan Waters (Norwich City Council), Councillor Stuart Clancy and Councillor Andrew Proctor, (Broadland District Council), Mr Simon Woodbridge (Broadland District Council), Councillor John Fuller (South Norfolk District Council).

The Chairman welcomed new members Victoria MacDonald and Margaret Dewsbury.

4 MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2010. Members noted that Resolution 4.4 of the minutes related to an action which would now be reported to the March 2011 meeting of the Policy Group.

5 FUTURE MEETINGS

Members discussed, as a matter of urgent business, whether future GNDP meetings be held in public and **AGREED** that members within the GNDP area from constituent authorities be allowed to attend this and future meetings as observers. The matter of whether future meetings be open to the public generally, be discussed later in the meeting.

6 VIABILITY STUDY

Charles Trustram Eve, GVA Grimley introduced his report and explained the implications for the introduction of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/ Tariff across the area.

Members welcomed the report and noted that market research had been undertaken in support of the findings and recommendations regarding land values, which understandably reflected house prices generally.

The members noted that the report was marked 'commercial in confidence', a final version will be released for publication once it has been formally signed-off.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the final report of Viability Advice on CIL/ Tariff for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk
2. To agree that further work be undertaken by the GNDP:
 - To determine the most effective mechanism for collaboration by GNDP local authorities in developing charging schedules and

- coordinating decisions on spending priorities
 - To develop a more detailed timetable and resource plan (for approval by GNDP Directors) to prepare for a consultation on a charging schedule
 - To develop a funding strategy taking into account other streams
3. To consider a more detailed progress update at the next GNDP Policy Group meeting.

6 LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN AND PROGRAMME UPDATE

Sandra Eastaugh presented this report and updated members on progress. Members noted that two update pages had been circulated which included revised information from South Norfolk District Council with more detail on one of the projects.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the project prioritisation of projects within the Local Investment Plan and Programme (LIPP)
2. To authorise the GNDP Directors, in discussion with Portfolio Holders, to agree the final version of the LIPP to be submitted to the HCA
3. That Broadland and South Norfolk Councils consider the projects in the spatial packages relating to those Districts following prioritisation by officers.

7 OVERVIEW OF THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE GNDP DESIGN REVIEW PANEL

Ben Webster, Norwich City Council and Andrew Savage, Chairman of the Panel presented this report. Members noted the report and the proposed tightening of the Panel's operation.

RESOLVED

1. To endorse the continuing support for the Design Review Panel.
2. To approve the list of reforms and changes to the terms of reference.

8 JOINT CORE STRATEGY: NEXT STEPS

Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council presented this report and confirmed that officers were on track for the final report to be considered by the GNDP and constituent Councils by end March 2011 for adoption.

RESOLVED:

1. To note progress made to date through the examination process and the Inspector's Agenda for the final day of the hearing.

2. To note the Inspector's question and the GNDP response on the flexibility and contingency in relation to delivery of growth in the north east.
3. To note the Schedule of Minor Changes and Soundness Changes as submitted to the examination process.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Public Access to GNDP Policy Group Meetings

Members considered whether future GNDP Policy meetings should be held in public but also noted that the work of this body was nearing completion. The March 2011 meeting would probably be the final meeting of the GNDP Policy Group in its current format. It was however acknowledged that if a subsequent group is set up to manage the next phase of development for Greater Norwich it should establish a mechanism to allow public access to meetings.

The members accordingly, **AGREED:**

1. That the next GNDP Policy Group meeting would not be a public meeting.
2. The next phase of development for Greater Norwich would commit to open decision-making and the necessary mechanisms would be put in place at the outset to allow public access to its meetings.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the next meeting would be held at County Hall on the **revised** date of **17 March 2011 at 2pm.**

The meeting closed at 2.56 pm.

CHAIRMAN