

Minutes of a meeting of the **Greater Norwich Development Partnership Policy Group**, held at Norfolk County Council, Council Chamber, **Thursday, 17 March at 2.00 p.m.**

Members Present:

Councillor Roger Foulger
Councillor Andrew Proctor
Councillor Simon Woodbridge (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)
Councillor Steve Morpew
Councillor Brenda Arthur
Councillor Victoria MacDonald
Councillor Alan Waters
Councillor Derek Blake
Councillor John Fuller
Councillor Margaret Dewsbury
Councillor Graham Plant

Representing:-

Broadland District Council
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Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
Norwich City Council
South Norfolk Council
South Norfolk Council
South Norfolk Council
Norfolk County Council

Officers Present:

Helen Lambert	GNDP
Ruth Charles	GNDP
Amy Baxter	GNDP
Roger Burroughs	Broadland District Council
Phil Kirby	Broadland District Council
Mike Burrell	Norwich City Council
Gwyn Jones	Norwich City Council
Graham Nelson	Norwich City Council
Tim Horspole	South Norfolk Council
Sandra Dinneen	South Norfolk Council
Jon Bennett	Linstock
Mike Jackson	Norfolk County Council
Richard Doleman	Norfolk County Council
Phil Morris	Norfolk County Council
Andrea Long	Broads Authority

Observer

Andrew Boswell – Norfolk County Councillor.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllrs Derrick Murphy, Ann Steward and Brian Iles (NCC), Cllr Colin Gould (South Norfolk Council), Cllr Stuart Clancy (Broadland District Council), Mr Alan Mallett (Broads Authority) and Sandra Eastaugh (GNDP).

3 MINUTES

RESOLVED

The GNDP Policy Group agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 December 2010, subject to the following amendment:

- Jenny Chamberlin had attended as Norfolk County Council's representative on the GNHP, not Broadland LSP.

MATTERS ARISING

Minute 6, resolution 2: Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council, confirmed that the LIPP had been submitted to the HCA and that it had been signed-off earlier in the month.

4 JOINT CORE STRATEGY – INSPECTORS’ REPORT AND NEXT STEPS

Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council, introduced his report, which highlighted the main issues and conclusions reached by the inspectors and recommended that constituent local planning authorities should adopt the JCS, subject to certain modifications.

RESOLVED:

The GNDP Policy Group agreed:

1. To recommend to each of the local planning authorities that they should formally adopt the Joint Core Strategy, incorporating the Inspectors’ recommendations, and thereby incorporate it as part of the development plan for the area.
2. That the County Council, as an integral partner and major infrastructure provider, should endorse the Joint Core Strategy, incorporating the Inspectors’ recommendations.

5 GROWTH AREA FUND - BUDGET SUMMARY

Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council, presented this report by GNDP Directors, which summarised the capital expenditure for the Growth Area Fund (GAF) for the last four years. The report set out the total spend on the projects, detailed any remaining balance to be spent and the status of the remaining projects.

RESOLVED:

The GNDP Policy Group:

1. Noted the summary of capital expenditure for the period 2007 to 2011.

2. Confirmed that the remaining balance should be carried forward to the next financial year with a commitment to spend on the identified projects.

6 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY AND OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council, presented this report by GNDP Directors, which outlined progress and next steps on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Other potential funding for infrastructure was also included, together with illustrative material to indicate the potential for CIL to possibly provide over £300m which collectively could fund the majority of the required investment in infrastructure in support of the growth at the time it is required.

RESOLVED

The GNDP Policy Group:

1. Noted the contents of the report, including the need for authorities to consider a draft Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) charging schedule in June for subsequent consultation.
2. Noted the need for ongoing work on all aspects relating to the management of CIL income and delivery of infrastructure, with a further report on progress in June.
3. Noted the modelling assumptions taken into account in demonstrating the way CIL, and other funding streams, could be managed.
4. Supported, in principle, the use of a significant proportion of future CIL revenues to establish a shared investment fund to support delivery of priority 1 key infrastructure projects (including up to £40m of local investment for the delivery of the NDR and related measures).

7 GNDP OPTIONS FOR FUTURE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Phil Kirby, Broadland District Council, presented this report by the GNDP Directors, which summarised the current arrangements for governance of the GNDP including responsibilities of the core team supporting the partnership. It also set out the various options for future governance to co-ordinate the implementation of the growth programme and suggested an interim arrangement if the current set up was to be discontinued.

Members of the constituent Councils represented on the GNDP Policy Group confirmed that they were content with the principles and recommendations set out in the report.

RESOLVED:

The GNDP Policy Group:

1. Agreed, in principle, to disband the current GNDP governance structure at a time to be determined by agreement of the Leaders.
2. Agreed that Leaders and Portfolio Holders should take responsibility for any interim decisions required in relation to the GNDP including the development of the Community Infrastructure Levy.
3. Agreed to delegate responsibility to Leaders and Portfolio Holders to meet (following the local elections in May) to discuss a new-revised governance structure that could be recommended to individual authorities for approval so that the June meeting could be conducted under the new arrangements.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members noted the next meeting would be held at Broadland District Council on 23 June 2011 at 2pm.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The GNDP Policy Group noted that Steve Morphew would not be seeking re-election in the forthcoming local elections, thanked him for his contribution to the GNDP agenda and wished him well for the future.

The meeting closed at 2.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN